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5	Camp Applied Research	Recognizes a WEF member who demonstrates a unique application of basic research or fundamental principles through the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system.	I. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Nominations must demonstrate a unique application of basic research or fundamental principles through the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system. iii. Nominations must include a complete project description.	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
Q	Emerson Distinguished Service	This award commemorates the service of the first president of the Federation, Charles Alvin Emerson, who served from 1928 to 1941, and was its first honorary member. This award is presented to an individual member of the Water Environment Federation whose contributions to the water environment profession most deserve recognition.	Criteria (contributions in either or both Criteria i and ii will be considered) i. Contributions to promoting and/or improving the standards of our industry through (as examples): a. Developing standards of practice b. Research c. Teaching/Training d. Publications/books/papers/presentations e. Professional accomplishments ii. Contributions to supporting our profession through (as examples): a. Leadership in WEF and/or Member Associations b. Leadership in developing conferences/workshops, etc. c. Membership recruitment iii. Member of Water Environment Federation	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	 Nomination Form One page biography of nominee Specific reasons for nomination (three pages maximum, and should follow the above criteria) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process 	4/1/2017
	Engelbrecht International Achievement	The Engelbrecht International Achievement Award was named in memory of Richard S. Engelbrecht, who served as Federation President in 1977-1978. This award recognizes sustained and significant contributions to the furtherance and improvement of the activities of the Water Environment Federation in the international field.	i. Member of the Water Environment Federation (the award is not restricted to members outside North America) ii. Demonstrated sustained and ongoing contributions, over a period of not less than 5 years, towards the furtherance and improvement of the international activities of the Water Environment Federation. iii. Service should primarily reflect Federation activities outside North America.	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	 Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee to include membership history and general details of their participation in committee and other Federation activities. Specific details concerning the nominee's activities in the international field and the benefits derived or to be derived by WEF because of these activities. 	4/1/2017
=*	Honorary Membership	WEF Honorary membership recognizes individuals who have proven their preeminence in the fields of activity encompassed by Water Environment Federation objectives. Recipients of WEF Honorary membership are recognized for their achievements in the water profession and are awarded a complimentary lifetime WEF membership.	i. Acknowledged preeminence in one or more fields of activity within the scope of the WEF stated objectives. ii. A maximum of three Honorary Members can be elected in any calendar year.	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	Honorary Membership Nomination Form One-page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one-page maximum)	3/1/2017

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T	Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional	Presented for significant contributions to the Water Environment Federation and to the wastewater collection and treatment industry.	i. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. 35 years old or younger at the time of nomination. iii. Demonstrated contributions to enhancing the activities of the Water Environment Federation, contributions to WEF Member Associations and to WEF Committees and improvement in the fundamental knowledge of performance of wastewater collection and treatment systems, water resource protection and research on issues important to the water environment.	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	 Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process. 	4/1/2017
İ	Public Officials	The Public Officials Award is presented to an elected or appointed public official that has made a documented, significant contribution in the areas of clean water legislation, public policy, government service, or another area of public prominence that resulted in improvements to the water environment. The award can be presented for public service at the local, state, provincial or national level.	i. Nominees must be an elected or appointed office, and do not need to be a member of WEF. ii. Significant contribution that resulted in improvements to the water environment.		 Nomination letter One-page biography of the nominee Listing of specific reasons for the nomination (two pages maximum) that relates to his/her work in improving the water environment, and any other supporting material that relates to the award criteria. 	4/1/2017
	Ralph Fuhrman Medal for Outstanding Water Quality Academic- Practice Collaboration	This award commemorates the service of Water Environment Federation Past-President Dr. Ralph E. Fuhrman, who was a master of collaboration among the academicians and practitioners. The Medal promotes and rewards extraordinary collaborative work by two or more people.	i. Members of the Water Environment Federation ii. Medal-worthy collaboration must have advanced the water quality profession by: A. Increasing the knowledge base B. Demonstrating the application of innovative scientific concepts or innovative project implementation methods as part of water quality enhancement projects C. Enhancing the relationship between academia and clean water practitioners. iii. The successful nomination will recognize a team comprised of: A. At least one academician (e.g. faculty representing research and/or non-research institutions) B. At least one practitioner (e.g. water quality professionals representing regulatory agencies, consultancies, not for profit organizations, equipment manufacturers, treatment plant/facility operators, and/or utilities).	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members • WEF Committees	 Nomination Form One page (maximum) description of the medal worthy effort (e.g., reason for nomination). One page (maximum) description of the team members responsible for the collaborative effort. Supporting material that you feel would be helpful in communicating how the collaborative effort meets or exceeds the selection criteria. 	
	W. Wesley Eckenfelder Industrial Water Quality Lifetime Achievement	The W. Wesley Eckenfelder Industrial Water Quality Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and honors an individual who has made substantial and measurable engineering, scientific, and/or operations contributions to the management or treatment of industrial wastes related to the improvement of water quality.	i. Member of the Water Environment Federation ii. A minimum of 25 years of significant technical contributions and impact on the body of engineering, scientific, and operational knowledge related to the treatment and/or disposal of industrial wastes. iii. Significant contribution to the professional advancement of engineers, scientists, and/or other professionals in the area of industrial waste management.	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members	 Nomination Form Resume of the nominee emphasizing career achievements Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under the selection criteria or that would be helpful in the selection process 	4/1/2017

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		Water Heroes	The purpose of the Water Heroes program is to recognize individuals or municipalities who performed duties above and beyond the usual call of duty during an emergency to continue to protect the public and the environment. These duties shall elevate the status of the wastewater industry.	i. Open to members and non-members of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Nominations must demonstrate: a. An emergency b. Actions taken above and beyond the normal call of duty c. Actions taken to continue to protect the public and the environment d. Actions taken that elevated the status of the wastewater industry	Nominations accepted from: • WEF Member Associations • WEF Members	 Nomination Form One page biography of the individual nominee or description of the municipality nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process 	4/1/2017	

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WEF Education	Awards	Description	Categories	Criteria	Eligibility	Submission Instructions	Deadline
	WEF Canham Graduate Studies Scholarship	This scholarship provides \$25,000 for a post-baccalaureate student in the water environment field. The scholarship is for education related expenses such as room and board, tuition, and books. The scholarship may not be used to cover stipends or wages.		i. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Completed application providing a summary of academic and practical experience in the environmental field. iii. Official college/university transcripts. iv. Letter of acceptance to a graduate program in the water environment field. v. Recommendations from three persons (at least one of these persons must be a member of the Water Environment Federation) who can attest to the applicant's academic and/or practical experience. vi. A detailed statement of degree objectives as related to applicant's career goals and intent to work in the water environment field (750 words minimum; 1,000 words maximum). Statement must accompany the application. vii. Recipients of the scholarship are expected to make a commitment to work in the water environment field for two years following completion of the degree.	Applications Accepted from: Post-baccalaureate students in the water environment field. Application forms must be completed and submitted along with three letters of reference. Recipient is responsible for taxes due on the award.	Please complete and mail or email both the application and recommendations to: Water Environment Federation Awards Program Attn: Kelsey Hurst 601 Wythe Street Alexandria, VA 22314-1994 awards@wef.org or khurst@wef.org	3/1/2017
	Fair Distinguished Engineering Educator	Recognizing accomplishments in the education and development of future engineers, this medal honors Gordon Maskew Fair, a professor of sanitary engineering at Harvard University, who achieved exceptional results in preparing students for the water environment profession.		i. Detailed Resume or CV documenting significant accomplishments in the education and development of future engineers. ii. Member of the Water Environment Federation.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under Criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
	Media & Public Education	Recognizes accomplishments of the media, journalists, and others whose profession is outside of the water environment profession field. This medal is in memory of Harry E. Schlenz, who served as Federation President in 1961-1962. Mr. Schlenz was a distinguished leader in promoting public understanding of the need for effective water quality. Through his efforts, a special award was presented by the Federation in 1967 to a writer for the Chicago Tribune for an outstanding series in that newspaper on water pollution control.		i. Documented achievements of an individual who actively and publicly promotes water environment public education. ii. Nominee's principal employment must be outside of the water environment. iii. A nominee's contribution should be in journalism, film or video production, or any other communication endeavor. iv. Cannot be a member of the Water Environment Federation.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	1. Download Nomination Form 2. One page biography of the nominee 3. Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) 4. Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
	Public Communication and Outreach	The WEF Public Communication & Outreach Program Awards recognize WEF members for significant accomplishments in promoting public awareness and the understanding of water environment issues through the development and implementation of outreach, education and/or communication programs. WEF Member Associations, individual WEF members, and other organizations, including groups, events, and campaigns, are eligible for this award.	i. Individual ii. WEF Member Association iii. Other (organizations, groups of individuals, events, and campaigns)	i. Documented achievements of water environment outreach, public education, public communication programs and activities. ii. Identification and description of exceptional efforts to engage and educate the public on water environment issues. iii. A detailed narrative description of activities or efforts, including the objective and results. iv. At least one member of a nominated organization shall be a Member of the Water Environment Federation.	Nominations Accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committee	 Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee(s) Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) A detailed narrative description of the activities or efforts, including the objective and results. Documented evidence of the program's accomplishments 	4/1/2017

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Organization	and Association Recognition	Description	Categories	Criteria	Eligibility	Submission Instructions	Deadline
	Awards Member Association Excellence	The Member Association Awards are established to recognize outstanding Member Associations and Member Associations that excel in areas of membership retention, financial strength, new memberships, scholarship programs, student achievement and support, technology transfers, and/or award programs.	Nominations are considered in two categories: 1. Outstanding Member Association Award recognizes a WEF Member Association that demonstrates good performance in all areas listed below and exceptional performance in multiple areas. 2. Member Association Achievement Award recognizes a WEF Member Association that demonstrates superior achievement in one of the performance areas listed below. Nominations will be considered in three categories: 1. MA's with membership of less than 500 2. MA's with membership greater than 500 3. International MA's	i. Position of financial strength ii. Membership retention iii. New Membership iv. Scholarship Program v. Student Achievement and Support vi. Technology transfer vii. Awards program and participation	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations	1. Download Nomination Form 2. One page biography of the nominee 3. Specific reasons for nomination (two-page maximum) 4. Description of programs and achievements (as appendix)	4/1/2017
A	Member Association Safety	This award recognizes water treatment facility safety programs that stimulate safety awareness and practices and that encourage the collection of injury statistics on a national basis.	Nominations are accepted in three categories: • WEF Member Associations with membership of less than 400 • WEF Member Associations with membership of 400 to 1,000 • WEF Member Associations with membership of 1,000 or greater	i. Cooperation with other organizations to promote safety. ii. Methods used to publicize the safety program. iii. Safety materials and visual aids used. iv. Collection and use of injury data. v. Wastewater system personnel injury experience for the past 5 years in the area served by the Member Association. vi. Applications of nomination must be supported by exhibits that document and illustrate the Member Association's safety program.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations	Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (two-page maximum) Description of programs and achievements (as appendix)	4/1/2017

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2	Collection Systems	The Collection System Award is presented to an individual for contributions to the advancement of the state of the art wastewater collection.	N/A	i. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Documentation and supporting information on the contribution. iii. The nominee's area of service must have been in any of the following areas: management, overall planning, operation and maintenance, facility design, education, training, or research. iv. Publication in a Federation periodical of a formal report is not required but is desirable.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Committees WEF Members	 Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process. 	
	Industrial Water Quality Achievement	The Industrial Water Quality Achievement Award is presented to a corporation and, if applicable, to its engineering firm that best demonstrates significant, lasting, and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in the prevention of water quality degradation as demonstrated by innovative design and operation of an industrial wastewater, pretreatment, or source prevention program.	N/A	i. The program should be operated by an industry or show significant input by industry. ii. Joint awards between industrial and engineering consultants will be made for innovative designs or process alternations or management. iii. The program must lie within the boundaries of one or more Member Association(s) sponsoring the nomination. iv. A program is eligible during a five-year period immediately after documented results become a matter of public record. Two re-nominations may be made. v. The program must demonstrate a significant achievement in design, operation, or process change resulting in demonstrated long-term water quality improvement. The application should give significant detail as to the nature of the engineering or scientific advances leading to the improvement. Examples of criteria are one or more of the following: 1. Detailed summary data showing significant reduction in classic macro pollutants, e.g. BOD, N, P, TS discharged to the receiving stream or municipal sewer. 2. Detailed summary data showing significant reduction in micro pollutants, e.g. chlorinated hydrocarbons, pesticides, metals, or hazardous compounds to the receiving stream or municipal sewer. 3. A method of source reduction by process alternation which demonstrates reduction of water sued or water pollution. 4. A method of source reduction by product alternation which demonstrates reduction of water used or water pollution. 5. A method of materials recycling resulting in lower water use, or lower water pollution generation. 6. A method of waste water treatment involving energy saving without loss of efficiency. 7. Innovations resulting in the protection of groundwater, soil, or air from a new or existing industrial wastewater treatment facility. 8. An environmental management strategy or training program that increases environmental awareness and results in significant source reduction or water pollution prevention.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	 Download Nomination Form Letter of nomination originating from an officer of the Member Association or chair of the respective WEF Committee. Letter of acknowledgment of nomination from a responsible member of the potential award recipient. Body of Application: a. Problem statement and program goals b. Problem solution c. Unique scientific or engineering, or management skills embodied in the program d. Evidence of attainment of goals (at least one year of data) e. External references from a municipal, state or federal agency f. Summary of why the program is worthy of award. 	4/1/2017

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	Innovative Technology	Recognizes WEF Exhibitor Members who have introduced new innovative products or services related to our industry. Details: A subcommittee of the Awards and Recognition Committee will select up to four (4) outstanding technologies and companies and recommend them for this award. The company must be a WEF Exhibitor Member to apply and the technology must be installed and in use for more than one year, but not more than five years. Any new technology used within the water industry may be submitted. Examples include: instrumentation, process equipment, collection systems, solids handling, stormwater treatment, water purification, software, on-site systems, and heavy machinery. The winners are announced prior to WEFTEC and the award is presented during the WEFTEC Awards celebration.	N/A	 i. The products or services must demonstrate an innovative aspect utilizing new ideas, methods, alterations, and/or unique changes from existing systems. ii. The products or services must have been in full scale operation at a wastewater treatment facility or in a collections system for a minimum of one year. iii. The products or services are eligible for a five-year period immediately after documented results from a full-scale installation become a matter of public record. Two re-nominations may be made. iv. The products or services must demonstrate a significant achievement in design, operation, maintenance, or process change resulting in demonstrated long-term water quality improvement. The application should give significant detail as to the nature of the engineering or scientific advances leading to the improvement. 	Nominations accepted from: WEF Exhibitor Members	 Download Nomination Form Documentation stating specific reasons for nomination. Supporting documentation required under criteria, i.e. detailed summary data showing significant reduction in classic macro pollutants, BOD, N, TS discharged to the effluent or in the sludge. Detailed summary data showing significant reduction in micro pollutants, chlorinated hydrocarbons, pesticides, metals, or hazardous compounds by the products or services; Method of wastewater treatment or sludge handling/disposal that maintains efficiency and results in lower capital, operating or maintenance costs because of using the products or services. 	4/1/2017
	Morgan Operational Solutions	This award honors Philip F. Morgan, who served with distinction as professor of sanitary engineering at the State University of Iowa from 1948-1961. A respected practical researcher, he maintained a strong interest in plant operation. This award recognizes valuable contributions to the in-facility study and solution of operational problems.	Awards are given in two categories: I. Work accomplished in plants serving more than 5,000 people. II. Work accomplished in plants serving less than 5,000 people Who is Eligible: I. Individuals II. Groups III. Organizations	i. Nominee must be a member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Nominations must demonstrate originality, significance, comprehensiveness, effort, and most importantly, the verification of an idea. iii. The solution should involve the use of innovative technological methods, be generally applicable, and increase plant efficiency. iv. Supporting documentation must accompany each nomination.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
	Schroepfer Innovative Facility Design	The Schroepfer Medal recognizes excellence in conceiving and directing the design of a project to achieve substantial cost savings or economic benefit, while achieving environmental objectives. The medal is in honor of George J. Schroepfer, WEF's third President, and an educator who stressed the economics in design of wastewater facilities. This award is presented to an engineering consultant, municipal engineer, or industrial engineer who is a professional engineer in responsible charge of the design of facilities for the conveyance, treatment, or disposal of wastewater and/or treatment residues.	N/A	i. Eligibility: Nominees should be engineering consultants, municipal engineers, or industrial engineers who are professional engineers in responsible charge of the design of facilities for the conveyance, treatment, or disposal of wastewater and/or treatment residues. This award may be presented to an individual, as well as groups or organizations. ii. Nominees must have demonstrated excellence in conceiving and directing the design of a project to achieve substantial cost savings or economic benefit over other alternatives, while achieving environmental objectives. iii. Nominee must be a member of the Water Environment Federation. iv. Projects must have been in operation for a period of one (1) year and not more than five (5) years.	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	 Download Nomination Form One page biography of the nominee Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under Criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process. 	4/1/2017

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Water Quality Improvement Water Quality Improvement	The Water Quality Improvement Award is presented annually to the water quality improvement program that best demonstrates significant, lasting, and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in prevention of water quality degradation in a region, basin, or water body.	N/A	Criteria for Nomination 1. The program must lie within the boundaries of one or more Member Associations sponsoring the nomination. 2. A program is eligible during a three-year period immediately after documented results become a matter of public record. Re-nomination is permitted at any time during this three-year period. 3. The entry must be submitted by a sponsor that is endorsed by the Member Association within whose boundary the head office of the sponsor is located. The sponsor should be the entity with the greatest and most direct responsibility for successful completion of the program. A. Examples of acceptable sponsors: a. The owner of the works that achieved the results meriting the programs nomination. b. Local, regional, state, or interstate agencies responsible for the creation, financing, implementation, and regulation of a program that involves numerous discrete projects with different owners. 8. Examples of unacceptable sponsors: a. Legislative bodies. b. Federal agencies with second-tier responsibility for regulation or funding. 4. Specific programs may receive the award only once. 5. The award will be made for the program itself, rather than the entities responsible for the program well be made for the program development. The award will be presented to the sponsor. The award citation will acknowledge all principal responsible entities that contributed to the success of the program. 6. The program must have achieved the qualifying results through construction and/or operation, rather than solely through the application of administrative procedures. 7. The following programs would have been eligible for entry if the award had existed at the time the program secre completed. They are cited here as examples of the type of program this award is intended to acknowledge. a. The Seattle Metropolitan Sewerage System and the consequent ecological recovery of Lake Washington. In this case the sponsor would logically have been the city of San Diego. c. The Ocean County Utilities Authority	Nominations Accepted From: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	Each Member Association may nominate one program each year. If more than one program within the boundaries of a Member Association is eligible for nomination, the Member Association shall make its own selection of the most suitable single entry for that year. Each entry shall be in the form of a notebook prepared by the sponsor that will be used to screen the total number of entries to three or fewer. The finalists may be requested to submit additional information. Notebook Requirements Entry material must be submitted in a threering notebook. Each entry notebook shall contain all the information identified below, and only that information. Six copies of the notebook shall be submitted. The notebook must include: 1. A one-paragraph letter of transmittal from the Member Association placing the entry in nomination. 2. The name and location of the program being placed in nomination. 3. The name of the sponsor. 4. The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the sponsor who will be responsible for supplying additional information about the program 5. A one-page executive summary of the program. 6. A definition of the water quality problem that the program has controlled, including quantitative information on the problem. 7. A description of the program, including: a. Chronology from the definition of the program. b. The principal entities directly involved in the program. c. The population and area served or protected by the program, including a map if appropriate. d. The surface or ground water bodies protected. e. A description of the salient features and function of the program; including a map if appropriate. d. The program's total cost and financing method. h. The date the program was completed or placed in operation. 8. Documentation of the beneficial effects of	4/1/2017

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the program, focusing on water pollution
control through either prevention or
correction.
Items 6, 7, and 8 should be presented in not
more than ten double-spaced pages of text,
exclusive of graphics. Unusual expense in
preparing the graphics of the submittal is not
necessary. Items 1 through 8 will be used by
the Awards Subcommittee to screen the entries
to three or fewer finalists. Each finalist may be
requested to submit six copies of the following
supplemental information by May 15:
1. Five 8 X 10-inch-high quality black and white
photographs of the program or project,
including at least one aerial view.
2. A set of ten color slides illustrating the
program and, to the extent possible, "before"
and "after" water quality conditions. It is
strongly suggested that all photographs and
slides be prepared by a professional
photographer.
3. A press release, up to two pages, double-
spaced, describing the program and its results.
The press release should be written to
communicate with the public, not a
professional audience.
4. The name of a representative of the sponsor
who can be contacted for additional public
relations information.
All entries, including photographs, will become
the property of the Water Environment
Federation, and will not be returned.

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WEF Project Excellence	WEF's annual Project Excellence Award pays tribute to excellence and innovation in the execution of projects and programs in the water sector.	N/A	i. Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria: a. Complexity of the water sector problem or situation addressed b. Future value to the water sector c. Innovation, originality, and creativity in solutions d. Sustainability considerations (environmental, social, and economic) including resource recovery e. Meeting the owning agency's needs particularly related to budget, schedule, project quality and/or cost effectiveness f. Contribution to the well-being of people and communities ii. Up to three WEF Project Excellence Awards may be awarded annually. Up to three participating entities will be acknowledged and received the awards (e.g., owning agency or utility, the lead design firm, and the construction entity). iii. Projects must be substantially complete at the time of the application. If portions of the project are not complete, only the completed portions of the project will be considered for that year's awards program.	Nominations Accepted from: WEF Member Associations WEF Members WEF Committees	Nomination form shall be submitted by the noted deadline The nomination form shall include signed certification from an official at the owning agency approving submittal of the project for consideration The nominations form shall be completed in its entirety, and the application shall not exceed 10 pages. In addition, a maximum 15 slide PowerPoint presentation may be included with photographs, charts, maps, and project information (graphics only, no audio or video)	4/1/2017
WEF Safety	The purpose of this award is to encourage active and effective safety programs in the water environment field, and to recognize entities that not only invest their resources to develop high quality safety programs and adopt them within their own culture, but also actively seek out opportunities to share these programs with others in the water industry for the benefit of all. This award is presented annually by WEF to an industry, municipality, organization, utility, or other entity engaged in the protection of the water environment to recognize the success of their efforts to promote safety and educate the water industry.		i. Documented safety program and materials. ii. Documented success in improving or maintaining a safe working environment. iii. Documented internal and external promotional programs. iv. Documented cooperative and/or outreach programs. v. Documented use of injury data. vi. Other unique efforts demonstrated by the applicant related to promoting safety in the water environment field.	Nominations Accepted From: Member Associations WEF Members	 Nomination Form Release Form certifying that the applicant is not currently under any review or active safety related litigation One page description of the applicant's type of work/business or other relation to the water environment field. One page narrative detailing the specific reasons for nomination. Supporting exhibits that document and illustrate the applicant's safety efforts. Any other supporting material required under the criteria, or that will help in the selection process. 	4/1/2017

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Published Paper	S	Description	Categories	Criteria	Eligibility	How to Submit Application	Deadline
	Collection Systems Published Contributions	This award recognizes published contributions to the fundamental principles of wastewater collection and transport, as comprehensively described and published in WEF Conference Proceedings or a Federation periodical.	N/A	i. Must be written by a member of a Member Association (MA) to be eligible. ii. Articles published in WEF Conference Proceedings, a WEF periodical or MA publication during any stated calendar year are eligible for nomination. iii. Specific consideration is given to the relative value of the contribution and its potential for broad application to all aspects of collection systems. iv. The literary quality of the written presentation is also a standard of judgment used by the subcommittee for evaluation.	Nominations accepted from: Federation periodicals WEF Conference Proceedings Member Association publications	Submit Nomination Form Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
	Eddy Wastewater Principles/Processes	The Eddy Medal honors Harrison Prescott Eddy, a prominent engineer, and a pioneer in the field of wastewater treatment. The medal is awarded for research that makes a vital contribution to the existing knowledge of the fundamental principles or process of wastewater treatment, as comprehensively described and published in a federation periodical.	N/A	i. Member of a WEF Member Association. ii. Articles published in a Federation periodical during any stated calendar year are eligible for nomination.	Nominations accepted from: All articles published in a Federation periodical during any stated calendar year are eligible for nomination.	Submit Nomination Form Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
2	Gascoigne Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation Improvement	The Gascoigne Medal was established in recognition of George Bradley Gascoigne, a prominent consultant who exhibited a great deal of interest in the operation of wastewater treatment plants. The medal is awarded to the author(s) of an article which presents the solution of an important and complicated operational problem within a full-scale, operating wastewater treatment plant which is appropriately staffed.		 i. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Papers must demonstrate a sound problem solving technique and should encompass the recognition and definition of the problem. iii. The work should describe the rationale of the solution as well as verification of its successful implementation. iv. The solution may include changes in operation procedures and incorporation of minor plant additions, modifications, and improvements, including the judicious application of chemicals. v. Articles published in a WEF periodical or in a WEF Member Association publication during the calendar year immediately prior to its consideration are eligible for nomination. Nominations are solicited for articles published in Member Association publications. 	Nominations accepted from: WEF Member Associations All articles published in WEF periodicals are eligible for nomination.	Submit Nomination Form Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	4/1/2017
	McKee Groundwater Protection, Restoration, or Sustainable Use	Recognizes significant contributions to groundwater science or engineering research published in a WEF or WEF Member Association periodical. In honor of Dr. Jack McKee, the 1962-63 president of the Water Environment Federation, a founder of the consulting firm of Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc., and a long-time professor at the California Institute of Technology.		 i. Publication must demonstrate significant contribution to groundwater science or engineering in the context of an applied problem or basic scientific inquiry. ii. Publication must show understanding and solution of problems related to groundwater protection, restoration, or sustainable use. 	Nominations accepted from: All articles in WEF periodicals are eligible for nomination.	Submit Nomination Form Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	N/A
44	Rudolfs Industrial Waste Management	The Rudolfs Medal was established in 1949 and is named after Willem Rudolfs, an active WEF member and primary force in industrial waste research. This award recognizes noteworthy accomplishments in any aspect of industrial waste management research published in WEF Conference Proceedings or a Federation periodical.		 i. Member of the Water Environment Federation. ii. Specific consideration is given to the relative value of the research and its potential for broad contribution to industrial waste management. iii. The literary quality of the written presentation is also a standard of judgment used by the subcommittee for evaluation. iv. The article or paper must have been published in WEF Conference Proceedings or a WEF periodical in the calendar year immediately preceding consideration. 	Nominations accepted from: Federation periodicals Member Association publications WEF Conference proceedings	Submit Nomination Form Specific reasons for nomination (one page maximum) Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful in the selection process.	N/A