

MATERIAL ADVANTAGE STUDENT CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The Chapters of Excellence Program rewards and recognizes Student Chapters for consistently good performance in areas that ACerS, AIST, ASM and TMS feel are beneficial to students and the community as a whole. In order to enter the Chapters of Excellence Program, the Chapter must submit a report on or before May 15. The Chapter must also submit the annual report and be an active Material Advantage Student Chapter.

All entries received before May 15 will be judged by a panel of experts nominated by ACerS, AIST, ASM and TMS. The following awards will be presented at MS&T:

- Most Outstanding Chapter (1). This Chapter will score the highest, according to the judging criteria listed later, taking all categories into consideration.
- Excellent Chapter (up to 5). These Chapters will demonstrate overall excellence by scoring well on the judging criteria listed later.

Runner-up will be recognized and receive a certificate of achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Active Material Advantage Student Chapters which have submitted the annual report and who have their by-laws on file are eligible.
2. The Chapters of Excellence Report, in the appropriate format, must be received by May 15 to be considered. Late entries will not be accepted. Early submissions are welcome.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be announced, and plaques will be presented at the MS&T event each fall.

AWARD CRITERIA

The following categories, which ACerS, AIST, ASM and TMS believe add value to the student membership, will be judged independently on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being outstanding and 1 being poor. Scores from each category will be added up, along with a ranking describing the overall quality of the report. The Chapter that receives the highest total score will receive the Most Outstanding Chapter Award. Up to 5 Chapters will receive Excellent Chapter Awards based on their total scores. Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded to each Chapter that receives Outstanding or Excellent designations.

The Excellence criteria is listed below along with brief descriptions of what should be included in the report.

- **Programming.** Describe programming activities that the Chapter conducted over the academic year. NOTE: Only describe programming activities that originated from the Student Chapter, and which would not have occurred without Student Chapter initiative. Do not simply list the Departmental Seminar Series, even if it was 'co-sponsored' by the Chapter. Adding value will be rewarded in this category. Discuss how the programming originated. Non-technical programming and Chapter-sponsored plant trips or field trips are also of value.
- **Career Development.** Describe activities including (but not limited to) programming, technical meeting attendance, Chapter-organized plant trips, and special career-based events that fostered student member career development.

- **Service.** Describe outreach and service activities that the Student Chapter organized or participated in during the year, including (but not limited to) outreach programs designed to foster an awareness of materials to K-12 students, majors to materials-based careers; community or campus service activities.
- **Social Activities.** Describe social activities conducted by the Chapter. Discuss level of participation, and benefits to the students and the community as a whole.
- **Chapter Management.** A strong Chapter requires membership development activities, sound management, and record keeping. Describe management procedures, including elections, finances, reporting duties, recruiting activities, record keeping, Chapter web site, etc. Describe how the Chapter ensures continuity of excellence from year to year. Elaborate on level of participation in meetings and Chapter events. How does the Chapter recruit students into the Material Advantage Student Membership program, and how successful are these efforts?

REPORT FORMAT

- Reports must be submitted electronically in Adobe .pdf format to students@asminternational.org
- Include a cover page, and a brief overview of the Chapter – no more than 2 pages, less than that will NOT be penalized.
- Include sections with titles that match the excellence categories listed above, in the order given above. Each section must be no more than 3 pages, including figures, tables or photos. Do not feel any pressure to fill 3 pages per section; content is more important than length.
- Include a letter of support from the Chapter Faculty Advisor
- Include a good photograph of the officers from the academic year covered in the report – not incoming officers. Identify them by name and office.
- A calendar of events may be attached if desired, but this is not required.
- An optional summary page may be included.
- Do not include additional information or appendices.