

**LUTHER GRAEF INDIVIDUAL MERIT AWARD FOR ENGINEERING IN CONSULTING PRACTICE**  
**Wisconsin Section – ASCE**

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Long-time ASCE member Luther (Lou) Graef passed away on August 11, 2022 at the age of 90, just a few days shy of his 91st birthday. Lou had a passion for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and for the Civil Engineering profession. He worked his whole career to enhance the reputation of the profession and those who practice it. Due to Luther's everlasting dedication to ASCE, the ASCE Board decided to rename the Individual Merit Award to the Luther Graef Individual Merit Award for Engineering in Consulting Practice. Individual civil engineering achievement within the State of Wisconsin is recognized annually by awarding the "Individual Merit Award." This award is given annually to individual Wisconsin Section ASCE members for achievement/service on a particular project or a particular accomplishment.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Basis for the award shall be "for individual achievement/service on a particular project, or for a particular accomplishment that demonstrates excellence in engineering skills and service to the profession." The achievement or service shall be for a definite contribution to civil engineering in either teaching, research, planning, design, construction, or management; this contribution being made in the form of papers or other written presentations, or through notable performance, service, or specific actions which have served to advance the art, science or technology of civil engineering.
2. The award within this category is made by action of the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Panel of Directors at Large. Any recommendation to the Board must be supported by a majority vote of the Panel of Directors at Large. Publicity on the final selection shall be withheld until Board approval is obtained.
3. An appropriate plaque or certificate, symbolizing the achievement, will be awarded to each individual selected.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Nominees shall be subscribing members of the Wisconsin Section of ASCE.

**NOMINATIONS**

1. Nominations for the awards in the various categories shall be made by a member of the Wisconsin Section.
2. Nominations must be submitted as a PDF to the Admin not later than June 1 of the calendar year covering the merit award.

*Entries are due June 1 and are to be submitted via email to the ASCE Wisconsin Section Admin at [contact@ascewi.org](mailto:contact@ascewi.org)*



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3. Entry forms shall be completed and submitted with such supplemental information as may be required to document the nomination. Entries must be submitted in 8-1/2" x 11" PDFs. Entries will not be returned and will become the property of the Section.

**JUDGING**

1. Judging will be by a Panel of Directors at Large.
2. Nominations should be sent to [contact@ascewi.org](mailto:contact@ascewi.org) no later than June 1 of the nomination year. A report on selection is made by the Chairperson of the Panel of Directors at Large for Board action, and presentation of the awards will be made at the Annual Section Meeting by the President of the Section, or his designated representative. The award plaque and certificate will be prepared by the Awards Committee.
3. Final authority for determining eligibility shall be with the Board of Directors.

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Submittal Date May 27, 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (on file with ASCE)

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (on file with ASCE)

DESCRIPTION OF ACHIEVEMENT (500 words or less – attached)

Click or tap here to enter text.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL ENCLOSED: Number of Photographs

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

ENTRY SUBMITTED BY:

Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Address Click or tap here to enter text.

City/State/Zip Click or tap here to enter text.

Home Phone Click or tap here to enter text. Cell Phone Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Click or tap here to enter text.