



Awards Selection Procedure

At the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, SERMACS, several awards will be presented to persons who were nominated by their local section. The Regional Awards Subcommittee shall solicit nominations from the Local Sections that are within the Southeastern Region for the following awards.

- (A) ACS Division of Chemical Education Southeastern Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching
- (B) E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society.
- (C) Regional Industrial Innovation Award.
- (D) Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences.
- (E) Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award (starting in 2015)
- (F) Additional awards by joint agreement of the Chair of the Awards Subcommittee and the SERMACS General Chair.

Nominations for these awards shall be sent to each local section of the Southeastern Region at least six months before the start of SERMACS. The Awards Committee will be responsible for selection of the winners of the (A) ACS Division of Chemical Education Southeastern Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching (B) E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society, (C) the Regional Industrial Innovation Award, (E) Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award, and (F) all additional awards.

The current Awards Committee Chair will forward all eligible nomination packets to the future Awards Committee Chair within three months of the end of SERMACS. The current Awards Committee Chair will submit documentation about each awardee to the SERMACS, Inc. webpage for publication within three months of the end of SERMACS.

The Awards Committee will arrange for the presentation of the awards during an event at SERMACS.

- A. **Selection Process for the ACS Division of Chemical Education Southeastern Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching.** The Division of Chemical Education prescribes the selection process and responsibilities of the Steering Committee and the Regional Award Committee in regard to the selection of the winner of this award. The requirements and process are summarized as follows:

Conditions of participation

1. Include at least one CHED representative on the Selection Committee
2. Agree to forward the credentials of the Regional winner as its nominee for the National ACS James Bryant Conant Award in High School Chemistry Teaching.
3. Choose the awardee from a field of at least three (3) completed nominations.

Region Board (Steering Committee) Responsibilities

1. Present a cash award to the nominee (\$1,000 recommended) and a plaque recognizing the accomplishment. Note: beginning in 2009, the CHED endowment began providing funds for an additional \$1,000 cash award for the regional awardees and ACS began providing a Salute to Excellence plaque. Note: During joint meetings with SWRM, the award will be increased to \$2000 (\$1000 from CHED endowment and \$1000 from SERMACS, Inc.) to be consistent with the SWRM teacher award process.
2. Provide for the travel expenses of the awardee to attend the SERMACS where the award will be presented. This is to include transportation, hotel, registration, meals, and substitute coverage if it is necessary for the awardee to miss one or more days of school. Maximum travel grant is \$1000.
3. Provide tickets to the awards banquet or luncheon for the awardee and at least one guest.
4. Ask a recent awardee to join the Regional Award Committee.
5. Review the suggested timeline and make necessary adjustments based on the particular dates of the current year SERMACS.
6. Encourage each Local Section in the Region to choose a section awardee and nominate that teacher for the regional award. Suggest that the section awardee be sent by the Local Section to the Regional Meeting as part of the Section Award. Note: Nominations are not limited to those made by the Local Sections in a Region.
7. After the Region Awardee updates the nomination package, forward it to National ACS for consideration of him/her for the James Bryant Conant Award in High School Chemistry Teaching. See the ACS website for nomination details, deadlines, etc.

Regional Award Committee Responsibilities

1. Assemble a selection committee that must include at least one representative from the Division of Chemical Education, and solicit 3-5 jurors from the membership within the Region. The jurors can be Local Section officers, administrators or educators associated with chemical education, and past winners.
2. Members of this committee shall not include members of the sections from which nominations for the award were received.
3. Prepare and distribute a nominations announcement. The announcement should be sent to:
 - ACS Local Sections within the region for publication in their newsletters and on their websites;
 - Supervisors of science programs in high schools within the region;
 - Principals of high schools within the region;
 - Local high school chemistry teachers groups within the region;
 - Chapter Affiliated Groups of the National Science Teachers Association;

- Members of the High School Chemistry Committee of CHED;
 - Members of the American Association of Chemistry Teachers in the Southeastern Region (after formation in Sept. 2014).
4. Communicate information to the officers of each Local Section in the region encouraging them to choose a Section Awardee and nominate that teacher for the Regional Award.
 5. Distribute completed judging packets to each juror. Each packet should contain nomination materials, criteria, and balloting form.
 6. Tally the ballot forms. If there is a tie, a second ballot will be required.
 7. Provide the information for the preparation of the plaque for the awardee and the Salute to Excellence.
 8. After notifying the awardee, advise others of the award including:
 - Region Board contacts;
 - Regional Meeting General Chair;
 - Nominator;
 - Principal of the awardee's school and Superintendent of awardee's district; Officers of all the Local Sections in the region;
 - The ACS Department of Meetings and Exposition Services;
 - The public relations chairs of the awardee's Local Section and the Regional Meeting to suggest publication of the award on the websites, in the newsletter, and in the local media.
 9. Keep all nomination packets for three (3) years, considering each teacher as eligible for the award within that period.

B. Selection Process for the E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society. The purpose of this award is to recognize the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their regional activities.

In the Southeastern Region the award will consist of a E. Ann Nalley plaque, prepared by the ACS Department of Meetings and Exposition Services and from SERMACS, Inc. a \$1000 cash prize and travel expenses (maximum \$1000) to the regional meeting to receive the award.

A nominee must be a member of the American Chemical Society residing in a local section within the Southeast Region, and will have made significant contributions to the Southeast Region of the American Chemical Society. The volunteerism to be recognized may include a variety of activities, including but not limited to, the initiation or sponsorship of a singular endeavor or exemplary leadership in the region. Past and present members of the ACS Board of Directors and staff are ineligible for this award.

The Awards Committee will solicit 3-5 jurors from the membership within the Region. The jurors can be members of the Steering Committee, members of the current year SERMACS organizing committee, Local Section officers, or past winners. Selection criteria are to be based upon the purpose of the award and the eligibility requirements (as stated above).

Nomination packets will be kept for three (3) years, during which time the nominee will be considered

eligible for the award.

C. **Selection Process for the Regional Industrial Innovation Award.** The presentation of a Regional Industrial Innovation Award is at the discretion of the General Chair and organizing committee of SERMACS for the present year. Specific selection criteria are at the discretion of the Regional Awards Committee. Nominations for a Regional Industrial Innovation Award nomination packets should be kept for up to three years. It is the responsibility of the present Awards Committee Chair to provide the nomination packets to the future Awards Committee Chair within three months of the end of SERMACS.

D. **Nomination of the Stan Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences.** A description of the award and accomplishments of past awardees is available on the SERMACS, Inc. website at www.sermacs.org. The Awards Committee shall work with the Committee on Minority Affairs to coordinate nominations to the award and presentation of the award at SERMACS.

The award consists of a Stan Israel plaque, a \$1000 cash prize, and travel expenses to the regional meeting to receive the award. These items will be coordinated by the ACS Department of Meetings and Exposition Services and are not paid by SERMACS, Inc.

E. **Nomination for the Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award.** (See attachment for the description). Prize cash award is currently being debated.

Appendix

1. Nomination forms for each award
2. Selection criteria forms
3. Partners and Progress and Prosperity Award Solicitation



**ACS Division of Chemical Education
2023 Southeastern Regional Award for
Excellence in High School Teaching**



Award Checklist and Coversheet

Local Section:

Nominee:

Nominator:

DEADLINE: August 1st, 2023

The following items are required components for a Nomination Portfolio. Please check each item contained in the portfolio. This list, submitted by the nominator, will serve as the cover to every submitted portfolio.

- ☐ Nominator Information Form
- ☐ Nominator Recommendation Letter of no more than 750 words
- ☐ Nominee Information Form
- ☐ Nominee's Statement on Teaching Philosophy of no more than 500 words
- ☐ Nominee's Current CV:
A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.
- ☐ Additional Recommendations or Letters of Support (no more than 400 words):
One must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor.
Up to two additional letters of support may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents of former students.

August 1st, 2023 is the deadline for submitting nominations to the SERMACS 2023 Awards Chair. Please allow sufficient time to meet this deadline. There may be an earlier deadline for local section awards. The *nominator* should submit all forms electronically to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu).

Any individual, except a member of the awards selection committee or a current student of a nominee, may nominate or support a nominee during any given award year.

The Southeastern Regional Award consists of \$1000 cash award from the ACS Division of Chemical Education and a plaque. These will be presented at **SERMACS 2023 in Durham, NC at the Awards Banquet on Thursday October 26th, 2023.**



**ACS Division of Chemical Education
2023 Southeastern Regional Award for
Excellence in High School Teaching**



Nominator Information Form

Local Section:

Nominee:

Nominator:

DEADLINE: August 1st, 2023

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Nominator Information

Name:	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee	



**ACS Division of Chemical Education
2023 Southeastern Regional Award for
Excellence in High School Teaching**



Nominator Recommendation

Please submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words addressing the following:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching. Unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized.
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students.
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences.

- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement.
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

You may type or paste your narrative below or you may attach the narrative as a separate document.



**ACS Division of Chemical Education
2023 Southeastern Regional Award for
Excellence in High School Teaching**



Reference Form

Local Section:

Nominee:

Nominator:

DEADLINE: August 1st, 2023

August 1st, 2023 is the deadline for submitting nominations to the SERMACS 2023 Awards Chair. Please allow sufficient time to meet this deadline. There may be an earlier deadline for local section awards. The *nominator* should submit all forms electronically to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu).

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Nominee Information

Name:	
School:	
City:	
State and Zip:	



**ACS Division of Chemical Education
2023 Southeastern Regional Award for
Excellence in High School Teaching**



Reference Form

Reference Information

Name:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee	

Please submit a narrative statement of no more than 400 words addressing the following:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching. Unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized.
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students.
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences.
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement.
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

You may type or paste your narrative below or you may attach the narrative as a separate document.



E. Ann Nalley
Regional Award for Volunteer Service
to the American Chemical Society
Southeastern Region Nomination Form



Deadline: August 1st, 2023

Directions: Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee, may nominate or support *only one* nominee for this award in any given year.

Submittal process: The nomination packet consists of this form and two letters of support. Submit all documents to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu).

Purpose: This award is to recognize the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their Regional Activities.

Nominator Information

Name:	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax (optional):	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee	

Nominator Recommendation

Please submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words evaluating the nominee's volunteer accomplishments and service to the Southeastern Region. Explain why the nominee is being recommended for this award with regard to the stated purposes of the award.

You may type or paste your narrative below (it will continue on the next page) or you may attach the narrative as a separate document.



E. Ann Nalley
Regional Award for Volunteer Service
to the American Chemical Society
Southeastern Region Nomination Form



Nominee Information

Name:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax (optional):	
e-mail:	
Website URL (optional):	

Has this nomination been discussed with the nominee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominee Biographical Sketch

In the space below, paste the nominee's brief biographical sketch (and/or attach the nominee's curriculum vitae as a separate document). Please limit biographical sketch to 500 words.



E. Ann Nalley
Regional Award for Volunteer Service
to the American Chemical Society
Southeastern Region Nomination Form



Support Letters

Letters of support with a 400 word maximum are being requested from the following references (no more than two will be accepted). These individuals should be instructed to send their letters to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu).

Reference name:

Reference e-mail:

Reference telephone:

Reference name:

Reference e-mail:

Reference telephone:



SERMACS
Regional Industrial Innovation Award
Nomination Form



Deadline: August 1st, 2023

Directions: Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee, may nominate or support *only one* nominee for this award in any given year.

Submittal process: The nomination packet consists of this form and two letters of support. Submit all documents to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu).

Purpose: This award celebrates successful innovations of industrial chemists and chemical engineers that contribute to the health of their local and regional economy and the corporate leadership for its advancement of a healthy economy. Awards are given to individuals and teams whose creative innovations have contributed to the commercial success of their company and, consequently, to the good of the community and society.

Nominator Information

Name:	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax (optional):	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee	

Nominator Recommendation

Please submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words evaluating the nominee's industrial innovations. Explain why the nominee is being recommended for this award with regard to the stated purposes of the award, particularly creative innovations that have contributed to the commercial success of their company and, consequently, to the good of the community and society. You may type or paste your narrative below (it will continue on the next page) or you may attach the narrative as a separate document.



SERMACS
Regional Industrial Innovation Award
Nomination Form



Nominee Information

- ☐ This is an individual nomination
- ☐ This is a team nomination. Please submit a separate form for each nominee

Local Section of Nominee:	
Name:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax (optional):	
e-mail:	
Website URL (optional):	

Has this nomination been discussed with the nominee(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominee Biographical Sketch

In the space below, paste the nominee's brief biographical sketch (and/or attach the nominee's curriculum vitae as a separate document). Please limit biographical sketch to 500 words.



SERMACS
Regional Industrial Innovation Award
Nomination Form



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Reference name:

Reference e-mail:

Reference telephone:

Reference name:

Reference e-mail:

Reference telephone:

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

Purpose: To recognize successful and exemplary partnerships within the region between industry, academia, government, small business and/or other organizations including international ACS chapters, societies, or other entities domestic or overseas resulting in impactful outcomes in one or more of the following categories:

- To improve the public perception and appreciation for chemistry
- To promote career advancement opportunities and/or support entrepreneurship in the chemistry enterprise
- To advance advocacy efforts with legislators or opinion leaders
- To significantly advance STEM education

Nature: The award consists of two or more Partners for Progress and Prosperity trophies or plaques (one for each organization) plus a \$1,000 grant split between the partners (organizations and not individuals) to further the activities for which the award is made.

Eligibility: A nominee may represent academia, industry, government, small business or other organizations such as a Local Section. Partnerships can include international ACS chapters or other entities domestic or overseas. The awards committee of the region, or its equivalent, will select the recipient. A selection committee should be established by each region to implement the process and to identify the winners.

Establishment & Support: This award was instituted in 2014 by a generous donation from ACS Immediate Past President Marinda Li Wu as part of her presidential initiatives to promote *partnering for progress and prosperity*. It is Dr. Wu's hope that this be an ongoing award at regional meetings to recognize the importance of partnering and working together towards common goals.

Apply

The deadline for receipt of nominations should be at least 7 weeks before the start of each Regional Meeting.

The nomination package must include:

- A letter of nomination describing the partnership, its activities, outcomes and impact.
- At least one, but no more than three supportive letters. Mailing address, phone number(s), and email address of nominee/supporter must be provided.

ACS North Carolina Region

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

Purpose: To encourage and recognize successful and exemplary partnerships within the Region. These partnerships can be between industry, academia, government, small business and/or other organizations including ACS local sections, ACS divisions, ACS international chapters, other societies, or various entities domestic or overseas resulting in impactful outcomes in one or more of the following categories:

- Improving the public perception and appreciation for chemistry
- Promoting career advancement opportunities and/or supporting entrepreneurship in the chemistry enterprise
- Advancing advocacy efforts with government and other thought leaders
- Supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education and/or research

Nature: The award will consist of a special Partners for Progress and Prosperity silver/gold medallion plus a framed certificate of recognition (one for each Partner representing an entity or organization) plus up to \$1,000 grant split equally between the partners to further the activities for which the award is made.

Eligibility: A nominee may represent academia, industry, government, small business, or other organizations such as a Local Section. Partnerships can include any ACS, domestic or international entity.

Establishment & Support: This award was instituted in 2014 by Marinda Li Wu, Immediate Past ACS President, to promote *partnering for progress and prosperity*. The funds were evenly distributed at the end of 2014 to all Regional Meeting Boards who wish to participate. It will be up to each Regional Meeting Board how much to fund each P3 Award and whether any of the funds should be used to help support travel, if needed.

How to Apply: The deadline for receipt of nominations and supporting documents should be at least 6 weeks before the start of each Regional Meeting.

The P3 Award package should include:

- Completed Nomination Form describing the partnership, its activities, outcomes, and impact.
- Completed P3 Participating Partners Form **from each of the participating partners**.
- A least one, but no more than three completed Supporter Forms.

NOMINATION FORM

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee may nominate or support the nominee(s) during any given year.

In addition to the Nominator information below, Participating Partner Forms with supporting documentation from all partners must be submitted. There must be at least two partners, but more partners are encouraged.

Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or current students, may nominate or support *only* one nominee during any given award year. Submit to Awards Chair by **August 1st, 2023**. Please allow sufficient time to meet this deadline. The *nominator* should submit all forms electronically to Cedric Pearce (email: cpearce@mycosynthetix.com) with copy to Mitk'El Santiago (email: mitkel.santiago@upr.edu) as an attachment.

The award will be presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS, which will be held on **October 25-28, 2023**, in **Durham, NC**.

DEADLINE: [Enter Date]

Nominator Information:

Name:	
Company/Institution:	
Position (Exact title):	
Address:	
City:	
State & Zip:	
Phone:	
FAX:	
Email:	
Relationship to the P3 Project	

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Nomination: Submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words that describes the P3 project and how it addressed the purpose(s) of this Regional Award.

P3 PARTICIPATING PARTNER FORM

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

Partner Information

Name:

Company/Institution:

Position (Exact title):

Address:

City:

State & Zip:

Phone:

FAX:

Email:

Website:

In no more than 250 words, describe the content, scope, and timeline of your participation in this cooperative venture.

a. What type of P3 program was developed & executed: (check one)

____ improving the public perception and appreciation for chemistry

____ promoting career advancement and/or supporting entrepreneurship in chemistry

____ advancing advocacy efforts with government and other thought leaders

____ supporting STEM education and/or research

b. How many members of your organization were active participants in this venture?

c. How many persons in what area/region were affected by your venture?

d. Explain the local/regional/national impact that resulted from this cooperative venture?

e. Explain your organization's plan for continuing this venture into the future.

SUPPORTER FORM

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

Supporter Information

Name:	
Company/Institution:	
Position (Exact title):	
Address:	
City:	
State & Zip:	
Phone:	
FAX:	
Email:	

Submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words that describes and comments upon the following:

a. What type of P3 program was developed & executed: (check one)

___ improving the public perception and appreciation for chemistry

___ promoting career advancement and/or supporting entrepreneurship in chemistry

___ advancing advocacy efforts with government and other thought leaders

___ supporting STEM education and/or research

b. What features of this program are exemplary and worthy of this award?

c. What was the level of involvement between or among the partner organizations?

d. Has this partnership program been presented at any local/regional/national meeting?

e. What evidence is there that this partnership will continue in the future?

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award

SUGGESTED SCORING RUBRIC

Type of P3 program that was developed & executed: (check one)

☐ improving the public perception and appreciation for chemistry

☐ promoting career advancement and/or supporting entrepreneurship in chemistry

☐ advancing advocacy efforts with government and other thought leaders

☐ supporting STEM education and/or research

Complete Packet of Materials

☐ Nominator Form **Required**

☐ Partner Form **Required**

☐ Partner Form **Required**

☐ Partner Form **Required, if there is a third partner**

☐ Supporter Form **Required**

☐ Supporter Form **Required**

CRITERIA	Excellent – 10 pts	Good – 7 pts	Fair – 5 pts	Poor – 2 pts
Program activities				
Program outcomes				
Program creativity or novelty				
Resultant local/regional/state/national impact				
Level of partner organization involvement				
Likelihood of program continuation				
Maximum 60 pts				

