

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology
2025 Army Acquisition Executive's (AAE) Excellence in Leadership Awards

Please read the following information carefully before completing and submitting this application.

Category: Science and Technology (S&T) Professional of the Year Award

Background: The 2025 AAE's Excellence in Leadership Award for the Science and Technology Professional of the Year recognizes the individual whose outstanding contributions and achievements merit special recognition.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee contributions must have been made between 1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025.
2. **Any science and technology (S&T) professional is eligible as long as he or she:**
 - a. Meets the specific criteria of the award for which they are nominated.
 - b. Is **not** eligible for the Engineering and Technical Management (ETM) Professional of the Year Award.
 - c. Occupies a science or engineering workforce designated position at an Army Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL).

Evaluation Criteria:

Nominees must have made a significant contribution during the eligibility period to be considered for this award. This award recognizes the past performance of an individual who has clearly demonstrated exceptional mission accomplishment, selfless service to the United States, extraordinary and uncompromising professionalism in S&T field and true commitment to the personal and professional growth of others within the command.

Nominations will be considered based on demonstrated excellence and contribution to mission success in the following areas:

1. **Specific achievements** within the functional area during the eligibility period. Given that many achievements result from one's efforts and contributions cumulatively over a period of time, achievements that take place over more than the 12-month window may be reported, but the culmination of the work must be within the window. Quantifiable descriptions of achievements are particularly desired. What impact did their action have on the unit or command?
2. **Value of the nominee's contributions** during the award period to the mission of one's organization.
3. Demonstration of leadership including, by example, mentoring and sharing best practices to enhance the success of one's team and the greater S&T and/or acquisition community in achieving outcome success.
4. Science and technology professional specific criteria:

- a. The Science and Technology Professional of the Year candidate(s) should represent the best of the S&T community members who have contributed to the advancement of S&T initiatives.
- b. Examples of candidates for this recognition would include individuals who have accomplished the following (please note that this list is not inclusive):
 - Received national or international recognition for excellence by a professional society (named fellow, society award, best paper, etc.).
 - Led a major S&T thrust related to a major project or program milestone.
 - Demonstrated excellence in supporting a program or project's S&T effort.

Nomination Deadline and Submission:

1. The deadline for nomination submissions is July 25, 2025. **Submissions will not be accepted after 11:59 p.m. ET, July 25, 2025.**
2. Only one nomination may be submitted from each STRL.
3. Completed nomination packets must be submitted to the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) Army Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) Office through the Web-based call for nominations application at: <https://asc.army.mil/web/aae-awards/>

Nomination Packet Requirements and Format:

A completed nomination submission package will include the following:

1. Signed endorsement memo (one per nomination).
 - a. The senior ranking civilian employee or military official will provide an endorsement letter to describe the nomination.
 - b. Each nomination must have its own endorsement memo addressed to Director, Acquisition Career Management, 9900 Belvoir Rd, Bld 201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.
2. Completed nomination form with the following components:
 - a. Narrative
 - Separate sections describing the contributions for each of the four evaluation criteria (specific achievements; value of the nominee's contributions; demonstration of leadership; and Science and Technology Professional specific criteria).
 - Should not exceed two pages.
 - The format will be single-spaced text, Arial, 12-point font, single-sided 8 ½" x 11" page, 1" margins.
 - b. Citation
 - A short summary of accomplishments (not to exceed 200 words). This should be at the end of the nomination form and does not count against the two-page limit.

Miscellaneous Details:

1. The nominating point of contact (POC) and/or the organization's award POC will receive an automated email to confirm receipt of a completed submission. Contact the awards coordinator if the POC does not receive a confirmation email within one day after the submission.
2. An appointed panel of judges will select the award winners.
3. The awards will be presented by the AAE at the annual Army Acquisition Awards ceremony in January 2026.

Awards Coordinator:

Questions regarding the 2025 Army Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Awards or the application and nomination submission process should be addressed to the awards coordinator, Ms. Rachel Longarzo, at rachel.m.longarzo.civ@army.mil. Additional information can be found on the award website at: <https://asc.army.mil/web/aae-awards/>.