

State Affiliate Awards Submission Deadlines

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Deadlines. Some people love them, while others view them as merely necessary to help keep things running smoothly. Whatever your perspective, it is essential to understand the different types of deadlines you may be dealing with when applying for awards.

Your state affiliate may likely have a different deadline compared to the national association's deadline. Often, state affiliates utilize their local awards committee members. These committees review the state award applications and determine which applications will win at the state level. They also provide feedback for award applicants on strengthening their award application before it moves on to the national platform. If the awards application doesn't qualify at the state level, these committees offer encouragement and suggestions for future applications.

Depending upon the number of members within each state affiliation, this process may be formal or informal. And the deadline may be weeks in advance of the national application deadline to allow ample time for the committees to review the applications, provide feedback, and for applicants to make any necessary edits before they are submitted nationally. Please begin the award application process early and take extra time to review and become familiar with your state affiliate award process. These steps will not only help ensure your application will meet the criteria for submission deadlines, but it will also help in planning your timeline.

Contact your state affiliate Vice President for Awards and Recognition and begin your award application today!

