



Rules for Outstanding Student Chapter and Gold Standard Awards

We offer two awards for student chapters:

- **The Gold Standard Award** - available to all student chapters that have accomplished an admirable level of activity
- **The Outstanding Student Chapter Award** - recognizes exceptional merit above the Gold Standard level

I. Purpose

The Outstanding Student Chapter Award (OSC) is presented to the chapters whose programs, activities, and levels of participation during a single academic year distinguish that chapter from others. Up to one award will be given for each of the following regional areas:

- Africa
- Middle East
- Asia Pacific
- North America
- Europe
- Russia & Caspian
- Latin American & Caribbean

Because the award is designed to recognize exceptional merit in a number of areas, an award may not be given every year for every regional area above. No more than one (OSC) award per regional area annually.

Each student chapter attaining a minimum of 80 points (see below “Criteria”) will be recognized as achieving Gold Standard. No limit to the number of chapters eligible for this recognition.

II. Eligibility

All student chapters of the Society of Petroleum Engineers are eligible for the Gold Standard award and Outstanding Student Chapter award if they submit the required chapter’s annual report form by the deadline. The Award Committee will not consider any additional submitted materials in determining the recipients of the awards. The highest scoring chapter for each region will be eligible for consideration of the Outstanding SPE Student Chapter award.

Student Activities must receive the annual report on or before 1 April (or 1 November for March through November academic years). We will not make exceptions for reports received after 1 April.

III. Judge's Scoring Criteria

The judges use the same criteria when considering the Gold Standard award and Outstanding Student Chapter award. The selections are based on the activity for each of the ten categories in the following chart:

Qualifications	Explanation	Points Available
Membership	Activities related to recruitment of new members.	10
Planning	Officers or others involved in planning student chapter activities	10
Educational	Educational/technical meetings or activities (such as field trips, guest speakers, student paper contests, etc.) sponsored by the chapter.	20
Professional	Member participation in activities sponsored by Sections or Regions.	10
Service	Activities in which the student chapter participated as a group or sponsor that enhanced the image of the petroleum industry, the engineering department or the student chapter.	10
Support	Services routinely provided by student chapter for its members and/or all engineering students.	10
Fundraising	All fund-raising activities of student chapter.	5
Extracurricular	Social and recreational activities that involved participation by the chapter as a group.	10
Summary	Significant contributions/challenges of the chapter and an explanation why the chapter deserves the award.	10
Complete Financial Statement	Must be signed by the Faculty Sponsor and demonstrate effective use of chapter funds.	5
Grand Total:		100

The chapters winning the Outstanding Student Chapter Awards will receive a plaque for chapter excellence, which will be presented to an officer of the winning student chapter at the Student General Session held during the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition. No monetary funds are award. Chapters achieving Gold Standard will receive a certificate. All Gold Standard and Outstanding Student Chapter winners will be announced on the SPE.org blog.

IV. Award Committee

The Student Development (SD) Committee selects the winners of the Gold Standard and the Outstanding Student Chapter Awards. The current chairperson of the SD Committee serves as the chairperson of the Award Committee.

The Award Committee will rule on matters not specifically covered by these rules, and all issues, including the selection of the award recipients, will be decided by a majority vote of the committee.