**Nomination Application**

**American Indian Science and Engineering Society**

**2017 Professional Awards**

**Award Category (Select One):** (See the attachment or the AISES website [www.aises.org](http://www.aises.org) for award criteria.)

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|  | Executive Excellence |  | Technical Excellence |  |  |
|  | Most Promising Engineer or Scientist |  | Blazing Flame |  |  |

**Nominee’s Information (All information below is required):**

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| Name |  |
| Tribal/Native Affiliation |  |
| Company or Organization |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Principal Job Function |  |
| Discipline/Field of Work |  |
| Last School Graduated |  |
| Degree |  |
| Graduation Date |  | Years of Professional Experience |  |

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|  | **Business** |  | **Home** |
| Address |  |  |  |
| City, State/Province |  |  |  |
| Country & Postal Code |  |  |  |
| Phone |  |  |  |
| E-Mail |  |  |  |

**Sponsor’s Information:**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| City |  | State/Prov. |  | Country |  | Postal Code |  |
| Phone |  | E-Mail |  |

*I affirm that the statements in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand that all Selection Committee decisions are final. I am personally acquainted with the nominee and hereby endorse his/her nomination.*

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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |

The nomination package must state tribal/native affiliation and should consist of a cover letter and information supporting the nominee, including, but not limited to: resume/curriculum vitae; detailed description of the qualifications for the award; letters of recommendation (minimum of 2); job description(s); papers by or about the nominee; organization personnel chart; professional affiliations; a recent color photograph; and material highlighting involvement in the American Indian or Alaskan Native community.

Previously submitted nomination packages may be re-submitted for consideration.

Mail this signed application form along with a nomination package (3 copies) to:

**AISES Professional Awards, 1375 Ken Pratt Blvd., Suite C1, Longmont, CO 80501**

*Faxed applications and nomination packages will not be accepted. Electronic PDF versions of the material in the nomination package are encouraged as well and should be sent to Kellie Jewett-Fernandez (kjfernandez@aises.org). PDF versions will not replace hard-copy versions but may be used to facilitate the selection process.*

**Nomination applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2017.**

For information regarding the AISES Professional Awards, please visit the AISES website

<http://www.aises.org/programs/professional>

AISES PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

AWARD CRITERIA

2017

**AISES Professional of the Year**

The AISES Professional of the Year Award is presented for overall leadership and technical achievement. This individual is selected from among the top candidates submitted in all categories; therefore, individual nominations are not accepted for this award.

**Executive Excellence**

The nominee must be an experienced upper-level manager or a well-established engineer, scientist, professional, or academician who has significant department and budget responsibilities.

The Executive Excellence nominee will be evaluated on the following criteria (100 points total):

* Uniqueness of his/her obtained goal (20 points)
* Level of responsibilities (20 points)
* Degree of discipline for level of performance (20 points)
* Ability to overcome obstacles facing minorities in his/her field (20 points)
* Potential as a role model (10 points)
* Demonstrated involvement with American Indian or Alaskan Native community (10 points)

**Technical Excellence**

The nominee must have made a significant contribution to science, engineering or technology by having designed, developed, managed or assisted in the development of a product, service, system or intellectual property.

The Technical Excellence nominee will be evaluated on the following criteria (100 points total):

* Uniqueness of his/her research (20 points)
* Degree of impact work has on humankind (20 points)
* Patents or Published works (20 points)
* Potential as a role model (20 points)
* Demonstrated involvement with American Indian or Alaskan Native community (20 points)

**Most Promising Engineer or Scientist**

The nominee must be a professional e**n**gineer or scientist with less than five years experience after earning his/her last degree. The candidate’s early technical contributions should already indicate a promising career.

The Most Promising Engineer or Scientist will be evaluated on the following criteria (100 points total):

* Uniqueness and or innovation of contributions to organization (20 points)
* Leadership abilities and/or initiative (20 points)
* Professional and technical achievement to date (20 points)
* Potential for advancement (20 points)
* Demonstrated involvement with American Indian or Alaskan Native community (20 points)

**Blazing Flame**

As embedded in the AISES logo, the Blazing Flame Award is presented to an individual who blazes a path for Native Americans in STEM careers.  This award recognizes individuals with 10+ years of professional experience with significant accomplishments in advancing STEM education and careers. The nominee may or may not have a technical background.

The Blazing Flame applicant will be evaluated on the following criteria (100 points total):

* Potential as a Role Model (25 Points)
* Impact of effecting change within their organization (25 Points)
* Advocacy and achievements of promoting Native Americans in STEM (25 Points)
* Supports and leads Diversity and Inclusion (25 Points)