William R. Schowalter Award

During his 12 years as dean of the College of Engineering, William R. Schowalter demonstrated outstanding character, creativity, and enthusiasm. Above all, his dedication to the students and faculty of the college was always evident in his conduct. In his honor, on behalf of Engineering Council, the William R. Schowalter Scholarship was established upon his retirement in February 2001. Recipients of this award are chosen based on their leadership skills, creativity, encouragement of others through activities, and dedication to the College of Engineering.

Criteria:
1. Enrollment in an engineering curriculum at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This includes students within affiliated departments outside the College of Engineering or the 5-year LAS/Engineering program.
2. Sophomore or junior (by number of years in attendance at the university).
3. Demonstrated leadership in an engineering context and show dedication to the students and faculty of the College of Engineering.
4. Possess not only leadership skills but shall also demonstrate outstanding character, creativity, enthusiasm, and encouragement of others in his/her activities.
5. The award recipient shall not have already previously won this award.
6. Letters of Reference: The first reference letter must be a letter of nomination from a student on the executive board of a member society of Engineering Council in good standing or an executive board member of Engineering Council. The next 2-3 people can serve as references. One must be UIUC student (any level); one must be a University faculty member/academic/administrative staff (non-student); remaining reference is optional and can be from any source.

Solicitation: October - The Engineering Awards Committee Chair will alert the awards chair of Engineering Council to distribute nomination information to departments. Nomination form can be found at http://awards.ec.illinois.edu/awards

Due: December 5, 2014 - Nominations must be submitted to the Engineering Council Awards Chair.

Selection: January - A committee comprised of the Engineering Council president, Engineering Council awards chair, two society representatives, the Engineering Council Graduate Advisor, a previous Schowalter recipient, and a representative from among the deans of the College of Engineering will select the award recipient.

Logistics: February/March - The editor in the Engineering Communications Office prepares the college awards convocation booklet, which will carry a photo and biosketch of the recipient. Award is presented at the awards convocation in April. Recipient and family are invited to the awards luncheon by the associate dean for academic programs.

Previous Recipients:
2016 Katie Mummah, NPRE
2015 Cameron Alberg, ME
2014 Kye W. Draper, MechSE
2013 Nicholas Rivera, NPRE
2012 Haichuan (Charlie) Yu, ECE
2011 Eric Gobst, MechSE
2010 David Fan-Chung Hsu, ECE
2001 Jeffrey J. Vyduna, ECE
2002 Jiaxiao Zhang, MIE
2003 Geoffrey M. Price, GE
2004 Kristyn Nesteikis, AE
2005 Stephanie Milczarek, AE
2006 Ravi Thakkar, ECE
2007 Elizabeth Richter, CEE
2008 Lizette Sanchez, NPRE
2009 Gavin Rehkemper, CS