

2026 IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award Instructions

1. Description

- a) The Regional **IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award** is presented annually to a Life Member for significant contributions and service in advancing IEEE Regional initiatives, through excellence in sustained leadership after achieving the Life Member status till 31st December of the preceding year.
- b) The Global **IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award** will be given to the outstanding Life Member amongst the current regional awardees.

2. Schedule of Cutoff Dates in 2026

- Nomination Call issued: 1 March.
- Nomination deadline: 15 April
- Regional Committee approval: 30 Apr
- LMC Awards Committee approval: 31 May
- Recipient notified: June.
- Certificate or Plaque delivery: July
- Certificate or Plaque of Recognition at an Event: To Be Determined by LMC Awards Committee

Each region Life Member Individual Service award winner and the global award winner will receive certificate or plaque at the option of the winner. Cutoff Time for the above is 11:59 PM New York (Eastern) time zone on specified dates.

3. Awards

- a) **Region Award:** Certificate or plaque of Recognition is to be presented during a regional level event, or a Section event.
- b) **Global Award:** Certificate or plaque of Recognition is to be presented at a regional or life members' global event. Expenses may be paid to the awardee for travelling to an appropriate event to receive the global award.

4. Scope

One Regional award per region and one global award from amongst eligible regional awardees will be granted annually. However, awards may not be granted a given year if no suitable nominations have been submitted.

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5. Eligibility

Life Members in a Section with a Life Members Affinity Group (LMAG) are eligible for the award nomination. No Life Member is eligible to receive the Regional IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award more than once within two consecutive years. **So, a life member who had won regional LM award in the previous year is not eligible for the current year LM award nomination.** No Life Member is eligible to receive the Global IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award more than once within three consecutive years. **A life member who had won global LM award in the previous year is not eligible to receive the global LM award for the next two years.** [Examples: (1) A regional winner of 2021 IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award is not eligible for the regional LM award nomination for 2022 IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award; (2) A global LM award winner of 2021 IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award is not eligible to be the global winners of 2022, and 2023 IEEE Life Member Individual Service Award.]

Regional Jury Members (Regional Awards Committee Chair & Members) are not eligible to be considered for this award. LMC Jury Members (LMC Awards Committee Chair & Members) are not eligible to be considered for this award.

Nominations received after closing date and time shall be rejected.

6. Selection Committees

a) **Regional Awards Committee**

Regional Life Member Individual Service Awards Committee (or regional panel of judges) constituted by the Regional Life Member Coordinator as Chair and a minimum of two other life members in the region, will judge the Nominations received and select one Life Member in the region as winner of the Individual Service Award. The Regional Awards Committee shall consider the extraordinary contributions of the Life Member to the Life Members Affinity Groups (LMAGs) and to the Life Members in that region.

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b) **Global Award Committee**

Life Members Committee (LMC) Awards Committee will select a global Life Member Individual Service Awardee from amongst the eligible regional award winners of all regions.

7. Presentation

Presentation of the regional award will take place at an IEEE Region or Area meeting or even local IEEE section event, awards ceremony, or any other IEEE event. The specific venue and timing of the presentation will be finalized between the Regional Life Member Coordinators and the award recipients.

The global award presentation will take place at a life members global event, or possibly at a regional event. The specific venue and timing of the presentation will be finalized between the LMC Awards Committee Chair, Regional LM Coordinator and the global award recipient.