

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Office of the Dean

Overview

The Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering commits to world-class education and top-notch research with the paramount priority on health and safety. To promote a strong culture of safety and recognize the dedication and excellence in safety, the following two awards are established:

SafeRaider Award (for individuals)

Safety Champion Award (for groups)

a. SafeRaider Award (for individuals)

Purpose

The **SafeRaider Award** offers faculty, staff, and students within the College of Engineering the opportunity to be recognized for exceeding expectations in advocating for safety, adhering to safe research and laboratory practices, and contributing to a safe learning and working environment. This award honors individuals who are actively fostering a culture of safety in the following two categories:

SafeRaider Faculty and Staff Award – One winner each year

SafeRaider Graduate Student Award – One winner each year

Criteria

1. The eligible candidate must be a full-time graduate student, staff, or faculty from the College of Engineering during the calendar year they are nominated for.
2. Go above and beyond expectations to advocate and promote safety.
3. Be knowledgeable about safety and creative in promoting safe practices.
4. Actively serve in safety roles or engage in safety activities at department, college, and university levels.
5. Demonstrate a positive attitude towards students, faculty, staff, and safety personnel.

Application packet:

- A nomination letter that outlines the candidate's qualifications for the award, with an emphasis on the award criteria. Self-nominations are acceptable.
- A supporting letter focuses on the criteria for the award.
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae, including safety conferences, workshops, trainings attended, and professional safety certifications if any.

Award: An award plaque and \$1,000 will be presented to each category winner.



b. Engineering Safety Champion Award (for groups)

Purpose

The Engineering Safety Champion Award has been established to recognize groups that use best safety practices in their teaching and/or research activities, maintain excellent housekeeping and actively promote a culture of safety.

Criteria

1. The nominee can be a research group, shop, or teaching lab.
2. Accident-free during the calendar year the group is nominated for.
3. Go above and beyond expectations to advocate and promote safety.
4. Receive excellent safety survey results from EH & S, College, and Departmental safety walkthroughs.
5. Implement proactive or creative activities to promote a good safety culture. For example, proactive measures can be near misses reporting, safety moments, self-inspection, etc.
6. Maintain good partnerships on safety with departmental safety officers, EHS, and departmental and institutional safety committees.

Application packet:

- A nomination letter that outlines the candidate's qualifications for the award, with an emphasis on the award criteria. Self-nominations are acceptable.
- A supporting letter focuses on the criteria for the award.

Award: An award plaque and \$2000 funds will be awarded for safety-related expenses. A brief report of how the prize is spent is to be submitted to Julie.Farley@ttu.edu and Chijuan.hu@ttu.edu.

c. Award Submission and Selection

Applications are accepted until Dec. 15 with results announced in March/April of the following year. Applications should be submitted to safetyawards.coe@ttu.edu. The award selection committee will be composed of WCOE college and departmental safety officers, along with two external reviewers, which may include a representative from TTU EHS, a member of a departmental EAB/IAB, or a member of the Dean's Council. The nominees are not permitted to serve on the selection committee. If no suitable candidate is identified, the award will not be presented for the year.