



# ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI SECTION

American Water Works Association

## OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

### 2025 Candidate Form

#### Nominator Information

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Utility: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominee Information

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please show name as you would like it to appear on award)*

Name of Utility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Utility: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AWWA Membership # (Individual or Organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Certification #: \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Procedures:** Operators will be graded on the criteria below. Each category will be scored from 1-Poor to 5-Excellent and multiplied by the below percentage weight for a minimum score of 1 and a maximum score of 5.

**Eligibility: Please note the areas(s) of the nominee's accomplishments and explain how achieved. – 60% weight**

a. Continuous compliance with public health standards in finished water.

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b. Consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful lives of equipment.

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c. The development of new and/or modified equipment or significant process modifications to provide for a more efficient or effective treatment.

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d. Special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators.

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e. Special acts not directly related to water treatment but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities.

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f. Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations, and reservoirs.



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**Justification:** Please note the nominee's additional professional accomplishments which entitle him/her to receive this award. – 25% weight

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**Education/Certifications:** – 5 % weight \_\_\_\_\_

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**Professional Awards or Honors received:** – 5 % weight \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community/Civic Contributions:** – 5% weight \_\_\_\_\_

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**Years of Experience: – 5 % weight** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments for Consideration of the Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are to be submitted ELECTRONICALLY on or before **February 27, 2026**, through the online portal or to **Lindsay Wright** at the following email address:  
[almssection@gmail.com](mailto:almssection@gmail.com)

The Committee will receive applications until February 27, 2026. Following the application deadline, the Committee may evaluate each applicant through requests for additional information. The Committee shall make their own selection, using their best judgment of the nominated person, based on the application and additional information requested.

The awards shall be presented at the **2026 AL / MS Water Joint Annual Conference** between Alabama's Water Environment Association, the AL/MS Section of the American Water Works Association, and the Mississippi Water Environment Association to be held at the Mobile Alabama Convention Center on April 12-15, 2025. The awards luncheon will be held on April 13, 2026.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS February 27, 2026**