



NAIT Industry Division 2008 Outstanding Early Achievement Award

Recognizing the superior performance and achievement of members through award programs is a valued service of professional associations, and since 1997, the NAIT Industry Division has sponsored the Outstanding Industrial Technologist award as a way of promoting the field of Industrial Technology, NAIT Accredited programs, and graduates of those programs who have had impressive careers.

In 2005, the NAIT Industry Division established a new recognition award, the *Outstanding Early Achievement Award*, to recognize outstanding achievements in the private sector by NAIT Industry Division members in the early years of their professional careers (the first seven years since graduation). With the *Outstanding Early Achievement Award*, NAIT will recognize recent Industrial Technology graduates who have demonstrated leadership and superior performance in business and industry. Through the *Outstanding Early Achievement Award*, NAIT will support the advancement of all new Industrial Technologists. The *Outstanding Early Achievement Award* will be awarded again in November 2008. The winner of this award will receive a cash prize and award plaque, a free membership and certification renewal, free convention registration, and other valuable convention benefits.

2008 Outstanding Early Achievement Award – Specifications, Nominations & Award Components:

Selection: The President of the Industry Division is responsible for determining if nominees meet the criteria for the award. If the Industry Division president determines that no candidate meets the criteria for the award in a given year, he or she may decide in their discretion to not name any awardee for that year.

Selection Criteria: Each nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a member of the NAIT Industry Division working in a non-academic setting. An individual may join NAIT at the time of their nomination in order to qualify for consideration for the award.
- Must have graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree in Industrial Technology or a similar technology/technology management degree program within last seven (7) years, since April 1 of that year or later (for 2008 award, April 1, 2001 or later.)
- Must hold a responsible position in business, industry, or government that significantly influences the success of the organization. This includes individuals who are entrepreneurs or otherwise self-employed.
- **Deadline:** Nominations must reach the NAIT Industry Division Awards Committee Chair by August 1, 2008.

Nomination: NAIT Industry Division members who qualify are invited to nominate themselves, and other NAIT professional members are invited to nominate one individual member from the Industry Division for the award. An individual may join NAIT at the time of their nomination in order to qualify for consideration for the award.

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Nominations are solicited from all professional members of NAIT, including members of the Industry Division who meet the selection criteria and who may nominate themselves. Each nomination must include the following:

- 1) Name, address, telephone, fax, and email address of nominee;
- 2) Major academic program completed, name of institution and year of graduation;
- 3) History of employment indicating progressively responsible positions;
- 4) A brief description of current position and how this position impacts the success of the organization, with an emphasis on presentation of objective, quantifiable information demonstrating how the nominee significantly impacts the success of their organization.
- 5) Letters of support for the nomination from supervisory personnel, business partners and professional colleagues are an appropriate addition to nomination materials.

Submission of Nominee: Nomination materials should be submitted by August 1, 2008 to:

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Award Components: The award consists of the following:

- A personalized plaque presented by the Industry Division of the National Association of Industrial Technology which identifies the award, the individual, their employer/business/organization and the institution from which they graduated.
- Free one-year membership in NAIT, including annual NAIT Certification dues if the awardee is NAIT-certified.
- Complimentary full conference registration for the NAIT Annual Convention (if attending), including all meal functions, and any workshops, tours or other events in which the awardee wishes to participate
- Up to four complimentary tickets to the Annual Convention Awards Banquet for the awardee and guests (if attending).
- One free room night at the convention hotel.
- Cash Stipend of \$250.

Award Presentation: The NAIT Industry Division Outstanding Early Achievement Award is presented at the Awards Banquet at the NAIT Annual Convention, this year on Friday November 21 in Nashville, Tennessee. Attendance is encouraged but not required.

Questions?: If you have any questions about the NAIT Industry Division Outstanding Early Achievement Award, please contact Dr. David Hoffa at dwhoffa@gmail.com