

# WaterReuse Texas Awards Nominations & Research Poster Proposals

Award winners and research poster selections will be notified at least one month prior to the conference. For consideration, nominations must fulfill all requirements and be received by the deadline. The awards committee is composed of past Archuleta Award winners, as well as the previous year's Reuse Impact & Vandertulip Best Paper award winners.

## **Ed Archuleta Award**

The Archuleta Award was created in 2013 and recognizes water reuse leaders who have made outstanding contributions in water reuse in Texas.

Qualified nominees should be individuals who have done one or more of the following:

- Significantly contributed to the advancement of water reuse in Texas
- Demonstrated exceptional service and leadership in the reuse community
- Demonstrated innovation in technology, efficiency, or management related to water reuse
- Demonstrated leadership in the advancement of research and education in the reuse and water resources fields

Nominees must be employed at an organization that is a member of WaterReuse Texas.

### Application Materials

1. The nomination should be presented as a one-page summary of how the nominee meets the criteria and should include:
  - a. a concise biography of the individual nominee
  - b. a detailed description of the nominee's accomplishments demonstrating significant contributions in the development and implementation of water reuse practices.
2. The nomination shall include at least two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from outside the nominee's own organization.

## **Reuse Impact Award**

The Reuse Impact Award was established in 2023 and recognizes individuals, projects, facilities, or organizations that have made significant contributions to increase water reuse in Texas. Award recipients exhibit leadership in advancing education, advocacy, technology, and/or management of water resources, showcasing innovative approaches that others can follow to build resilient communities through water recycling.

Awardees in this category can include exemplary water reuse projects, systems, and/or facilities that demonstrate the value of water reuse to the community they serve or that have advanced water reuse practices in Texas by developing novel approaches to reuse. The Reuse Impact Award can be for a project, facility, organization, etc. that has had a significant impact on reuse in Texas over the last two years.

If nominating a project or facility, it must be completed or operational at the time of the nomination. If nominating an individual, they must be employed at an organization that is a member of WateReuse Texas.

### Application Materials

1. The nomination should be presented as a one-page summary of how the nominee meets the criteria and should include:
  - a. nominee contact information and nominator contact information
  - b. detailed description of why you are nominating this person, project, facility, etc. for the reuse impact award, demonstrating significant contributions in water reuse over the last two years.
2. Supplemental materials may be submitted but are not required. Such materials may include:
  - a. Up to two letters of recommendation,
  - b. Up to five pages of pictures, drawings, or similar illustrative material, and/or
  - c. Up to two minutes of video.

## **Research Poster Proposals**

Posters should be an eye-catching, visual representation of research relating to reuse technology, financing or financial related, or other research topics with a maximum size of 34" x 22". Research poster proposals should include the following:

1. Poster title and participant(s) bio (up to 100 words)
2. Abstract up to 500 words of the poster and project, including the result and how it relates to reuse if not obviously related. Provide some information about how the poster will convey the information visually and/or how you will engage conference attendees.

Poster presenters must register and pay for the conference but can use the student rate of \$25 if they are currently a student at a WateReuse Texas member organization.

There are two Best Student Poster Awards available for the first and second place winners of the student poster contest - \$1000 for first place and \$500 for second place. This contest is judged at the conference by volunteers from the WRTX Research Committee.