# VA AWWA / VWEA Lab Practices Committee Seeks Candidates for 2019 Lab Analyst Excellence Award

One of the best ways to acknowledge an exceptional performer is by nominating them for an award. For lab folks, VA AWWA / VWEA offers the Lab Analyst Excellence Award. Eligibility and criteria requirements for the award are listed in the table below

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| VA AWWA / VWEA Lab Analyst Excellence AwardELIGIBILITY* MEMBERSHIP – The candidate does not have to be a member of the Water Environment Federation at the time of nomination. The association will award a membership to the winner, if the awardee is not a current member.
* EMPLOYMENT – The candidate must be employed at an industrial, commercial, or municipal laboratory facility that conducts water and wastewater analyses.
* RESPONSIBILITIES – The candidate must have direct responsibilities for analytical bench testing and/or field- testing of water or wastewater samples.
* RECOGNITION – Only those who have not been recognized by this award before are eligible. Non-winning nominees may be nominated again. One nominee per facility per year.

**CRITERIA*** INITIATIVE – The nominee must have shown initiative in pursuing innovative bench or field technique improvements.
* PERFORMANCE
* The nominee must have performed duties consistently as outlined by laboratory or field sampling/analytical methods.
* The nominee’s performance must demonstrate a commitment to high quality control standards.
* The nominee must be conscientious about laboratory or field safety requirements.
* ABILITY – The nominee’s abilities must include problem solving.
* PERSPECTIVE – The nominee’s perspective should be dutiful and conscientious.
* PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – The nominee’s actions should demonstrate a commitment to professional development; e.g. by maintaining active membership in professional associations and/or through continuing education.
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The deadline for nomination packages is **February 15, 2019.** It’s never too early to nominate. So don’t let this recognition opportunity pass you by.

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