

ARRL Microwave Development Award

The dilemma: If amateurs do not use their allocations, it's difficult to explain to policymakers at the national or international level why they ought to continue to preserve those allocations in their present form. This applies to the amateur microwave bands. There is no accurate census of the hams who are active on the microwave bands, but any reasonable estimate of the percentage would have to be in the single digits. Few new hams or veterans alike use these bands, despite the documented rewards that can be had by operating at that region of our spectrum.

The ARRL Microwave Development Award is given each year to the amateur (individual or group) whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of microwave development, i.e., research and application of new and refined uses and activity in the amateur microwave bands. This includes adaptation of new modes both in terrestrial formats and satellite techniques.

Nominations may be made by any ARRL member. Suggestions and supporting information, including the endorsement of ARRL affiliated clubs and elected or appointed ARRL officials, should be submitted along with the nomination document. The Programs & Services Committee will serve as the award panel and will review the nominations received from the members and select the winner.

Nominations should document as thoroughly as possible the Amateur Radio achievements and contributions of the nominee in the context of microwave development during the previous calendar year. Additional information concerning the character of the nominee should be as complete as possible.

The ARRL Microwave Development Award is intended to provide encouragement, and a tangible reward, for amateurs who are outstanding in the development of new technical ideas as they apply to amateur microwave band activity, and to promote the use of the microwave bands which is consistent with ARRL policy. It should also provide an opportunity for Amateur Radio, and its many benefits for society, to be brought to the attention of the public. Nominations must be received at Headquarters by March 31st. Additional support information must be received at the ARRL Headquarters by April 15th.

The recipient(s) of this reward will receive an engraved plaque and may also request ARRL publications of a value of up to \$100.00. ARRL representatives will endeavor to make a formal presentation of the plaque at a mutually agreed upon convention or event.