

The AULT Award - History

Through the service of its dedicated technical, marketing and management personnel, the printing ink industry has truly earned its well-deserved reputation as a progressive member of the U.S. chemical industry. As vital partners in the graphic communications industry, printing ink manufacturers have made a major contribution to the education and well being of all Americans. Since 1954, members of the printing ink industry have annually honored an individual who has made significant contributions to the progress of the industry by the presentation of the prestigious Ault Award. It is the purpose of this award to recognize and honor outstanding individuals who have played major roles in the progress of the printing ink industry.

This award, which has traditionally been the highest award that members of the ink industry can bestow on one of their peers, was established in memory of L.A. Ault, an early leader in the industry and a founder of the Ault and Wiborg Company. Each year nominations are sought from all U.S. and Canadian Ink Manufacturers for submission to a special Awards Committee, which makes the final selection. This year marks the fifty-fourth year in which the award will be presented.

RULES FOR THE AULT AWARD

1. **PURPOSE** of the Ault Award is to honor a resident of the United States or Canada in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of the printing ink industry. It is evidenced by an engraved medallion. At the discretion of the Award Committee, it may be conferred annually, but may be won no more than twice, the second time for entirely new achievements.
2. **AWARD COMMITTEE** shall consist of five members to be appointed by the president of NAPIM. No member of the Award Committee may nominate a candidate for the Ault Award.
3. **NOMINATIONS** will be sought by the Chairman of the Award Committee from bona fide United States printing ink manufacturers. Nominations must be signed by the person making such nominations. Nominations will be closed at least six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers.
4. **SELECTION** of the candidate shall be made by the month preceding the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers. If the Award Committee cannot reach agreement on a nominee, they shall so advise the president, who shall select another committee from members of the NAPIM Board. Each Award Committeeman shall ballot his first, second and third choice. If three ballots indicate the same first choice, this candidate shall be designated the recipient; otherwise the three candidates receiving the most points (three for first, two for second, and one for third) shall be voted upon again, and the candidate then receiving the most points shall be declared the recipient.
5. **MEMBERS** of the Award Committee shall be uninstructed and left solely to their own judgment in voting. **There shall be absolutely no electioneering or other efforts made to influence the Committee's decision. Abuse of the "no electioneering" rule will result in making the nominee ineligible.**
6. **NOMINEE VOTES.** In case one or more of the nominees shall be a member of the Award Committee, he or they shall not be eligible to vote and the president shall select from among the Directors of the Association, persons to complete the membership of the Committee, these alternates to serve on the Committee until nomination has been made.