



Kramer Award Selection Criteria

The Kramer Award was established in 1970 in memory of Dr. Warren A. Kramer as an educational opportunity for deserving water or wastewater operators. The first Kramer Awards were presented at the 1972 Annual meeting.

Selection of Kramer recipients is a means of recognizing and honoring Dr. Kramer's dedication to both the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference and the water and wastewater industry. Recipients of this award should exemplify the same high goals and standards of Dr. Kramer whose basic philosophy was, "The only way to improve water and wastewater systems is to obtain better operators through training." Warren A. Kramer was Chief Engineer of the Public Drinking Water Program of the Missouri Division of Health. He was devoted to upgrading the public water/wastewater supplies of Missouri, dedicating his life to that end.

The establishment of the Water and Sewerage Conference as a technical and fraternal organization for operators was one of the things that have contributed greatly to individuals and the industry as a whole. Dr. Kramer nurtured the organization from 1937 through 1969 and this award ensures that his spirit and memory live on.

In addition to being a fund from which money may be granted for materials, short courses, and schools, the award has evolved into a scholarship fund for a worthy operator from each of the six sections throughout Missouri.

The goal of this award is to provide an avenue for operators, who otherwise would not have the means or opportunity to upgrade their knowledge and technical capabilities, to attend a technical Seminar such as the MWWC Annual meeting. It is the hope of the Conference that recognition of operators through presentation of the Kramer award will make city officials/employers aware of their employees' need for training and will influence them in making a commitment to provide further training without assistance from the Conference.

Basic criteria for Kramer award recipients are as follows:

1. Demonstration of previous self-improvement.
2. Desire for self-improvement and additional training.
3. Means or opportunity not available to obtain additional training.
- * Membership in the MWWC not required