

## Become a Member of an AMS Chapter



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<http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/>

## AMS Local Chapter Affairs Committee

For a list of Local Chapter Affairs Committee Members see  
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## Chapter of the Year Awards

Each year the AMS recognizes two local chapters (one regular chapter and one student chapter) that have demonstrated exceptional innovation and activity over the past year. All chapters, regardless of membership size and availability of external resources, are encouraged to compete as efforts are made to balance these considerations with the scope of the chapter's accomplishments. The award consists of a banner for the chapter and a certificate for each serving officer. Applications are available on the AMS Web site.

The deadline for submissions is 1 May.



## Award Winners



Current and past local chapter award winners as well as winners of the annual chapter poster display may be found on the AMS Web site at

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## History of Local Chapters

Local chapters have been a part of the Society's framework almost from the beginning, with the first chapter formed in Boston in 1929. The local chapters were viewed from the start as an effective means of increasing the awareness of meteorology among the general public, as well as providing a mechanism for local gatherings of professionals and weather enthusiasts that would ultimately lead to a growth in Society membership. The Society now has approximately 125 active local chapters, including over 40 student chapters that specifically serve the needs of meteorology students.

## Local Chapter Activities

- ⊗ Host Speakers and Lecturers
- ⊗ Tour Meteorological Facilities
- ⊗ Contests and Fundraisers
- ⊗ Job Shadowing
- ⊗ Science Fair Support/Judging/Awards
- ⊗ Fund Scholarships/Awards
- ⊗ Host a Regional Conference
- ⊗ Career Counseling/Advising
- ⊗ Science Advisor (support for K-12 students/teachers)
- ⊗ Participation in AMS Education Programs



Meteorological instrument demonstration for El Paso and Las Cruces school children at the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.



Chief Justice Rehnquist receiving "Weather Weenie" plaque from the DC Chapter.



West Central Florida Chapter President Andy Johnson participates in the first AMS Weatherfest.



Pam Croaker displays to the Central North Carolina Chapter a weather station constructed by her kindergarten students.