Armstrong Scholar Award Criteria

The FRED O. ARMSTRONG SCHOLAR AWARD is given to sophomores, juniors, and seniors majoring in one of the School's degree programs: Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering, and Technology and Engineering Education majors. The award recognizes the highest GPA within a given class standing for either the previous year (freshman, sophomore, and junior award) or all years at TCNJ (senior award).

Criteria for the award:

1. Students will be judged by their GPA within their class standing
2. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required
3. In the case of a tie, multiple awards will be given
4. **Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Awards:** awarded at Fall Ceremony for best performance based on GPA in the previous year (as of June 1st).
   a. GPA is based on the previous two semester's performance – e.g. a current sophomore in the fall is receiving the award for freshman year performance.
   b. Students must have been enrolled as a full time student in the major, taking at least 4 course units in each of the previous two terms. (open options majors within the School must be enrolled in a major by June 1st to be considered for an award).
   c. Class standing within each major will be confirmed by the department chair based on the number and type of courses completed (note that this may be different from the reported College standing). Typical loads for each major leads to the following general guidelines:
      i. For engineering majors:
         1. Freshman award - completed >= 9 course units
         2. Sophomore award - completed >=18 course units
         3. Junior award - completed >=27 course units
      ii. For education majors:

1. Freshman award - completed >=8 course units
2. Sophomore award - completed >=16 course units
3. Junior award - completed >=24 course units

5. **Senior Award:** Graduating seniors are granted the award based on ***overall cumulative GPA as of March 1st***. Graduating seniors are defined to be all of those who are included on the TCNJ Records and Registration graduation ceremony list as of March 1st.