

Emergency Management Educator of the Year 2026

The Emergency Management Educator of the Year Award recognizes educators who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as an educator of students within the field of Emergency Management. It recognizes and rewards the special skills and excellence of educators throughout the United States. This award gives recognition to general or special topics within the field of Emergency Management such as Incident Action Planning, Emergency Operations Center, and Incident Command.

Eligibility

- Individuals affiliated with: accredited academic institutions; federal, state, local, tribal, and military training agencies; recognized private agencies/organizations or non-government organizations (NGO) teaching Emergency Management curricula and courses. This may include part-time, full-time, or volunteer educators/trainers.
- The nominee must have delivered services within the United States or one of its' territories.
- A nominee for Emergency Management Educator of the Year must **not** have received the Emergency Management Educator of the Year award in the past. Tactical response courses related to firefighting, rescue, law enforcement, hazardous materials management, search and rescue, Homeland Security, or emergency medical technology/first aid are not eligible.
- The nominee or nominator does **not** have to be a member of the IAEM.
- Self-nominations are **not** accepted.
- The award considers contributions and achievements during the previous calendar year.
- The recipient does not need to attend the IAEM Annual Conference to be selected although they are strongly encouraged to participate in the conference. The IAEM Awards Committee or judges are not informed about conference registration and do not consider it in decision-making.

Completing the Official Award Entry/Nomination

- **Method:** An entry **must** be submitted in English on the official IAEM awards portal available on the Membership Dashboard on the iaem.org website. Non-IAEM members who wish to submit an entry for this award must register as a Guest on the IAEM website to gain access to the awards portal. Non-members of IAEM nominating a non-member must pay a \$75 entry fee. If a nominee for the award is an IAEM member, there is no charge to submit an entry even if submitted by a non-member. All entry details must be complete, or the entry will be disqualified. Please note some fields have word count limitations.
- **Supporting Materials:** No supporting materials are required for this award.

Judging Criteria

Documentation of the following criteria must be submitted via the awards portal.

| Category | Documentation | Weight |
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| Courses taught | List the course(s) the nominee taught and hours of teaching. Describe how each course is related to Emergency Management/Preparedness. How long has the nominee been teaching emergency management? | 10% |
| Impact and Results | Explain the impact the educator has had on the intended audience and provide specific results achieved by stating these data for the last calendar year: number of registered students enrolled; number of students who successfully completed. | 30% |
| Credentials | State the nominee's credentials as an educator (instructor designation, academic level, certifications, training, or education) and what entity provided the credential(s). Confirm teaching credential(s) are current and not expired or withdrawn. | 10% |
| Educator's Engagement | Provide specifics on how the nominee engaged students in learning and applying course objectives. What makes this nominee an outstanding candidate for this award? | 30% |
| Service | Describe the nominee's service and contributions to the instruction in the field of Emergency Management/Preparedness. | 20% |

Judging Process

The award entries will be judged based on the compliance of content requirements explained above.

All award entries will be evaluated through an unbiased selection process.

Only written documentation via entries and uploads on the awards portal will be reviewed. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

Judges are assigned by the Awards & Recognition Committee Chair or designee. Judges who have a conflict-of-interest as defined in the *IAEM Code of Conduct* will be recused from judging that entry.

Judges will provide a recommendation for selection of one recipient of this award to the IAEM-USA Awards and Recognition Committee whose decisions are final. Any questions can be referred to the Awards and Recognition Committee Chair.

Announcement of Award Results

Once the USA Awards and Recognition Committee confirms the award recipient, IAEM Headquarters will notify the recipient, the nominator, and the recipient's IAEM Region President. Additionally, nominators of entries not selected will be notified.

Questions

If you have a question about this award or its criteria, please email: awards@iaem.com. Phone calls are not accepted. Email questions prior to the entry deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.