

2025 IAEM-USA AWARDS

AWARD	Ind/Lifetime/Grp/ Org/Program	Path (local, state, tribal, military, civilian, fed gov, NGO, private, higher ed, medical)	Role (employee, worker, contractor, academic instructor, researcher, volunteer, practitioner, director, coordinator, higher ed student)	Time	Nominee Must be IAEM Member	Self Nomination NOT Allowed	Judges	Letter of Recommendation	Support Documents	Statement About Previous or Other Awards	Other	Other
Business and Private Sector Integration and Public Sector Partnership Award	2+ org	One public and one private				X					Must be 2 orgs & NGOs are considered public	
Career Excellence	Lifetime	Gov or Non-Gov	Employee, contractor, academic instructor, researcher, or volunteer	Lifetime	X	X		X (2 p)	2 (1 p)		National scope; part time outside the United States will be considered	
Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award	Lifetime	Local government	Designated head of emergency management program	Lifetime	X	X	R4	X (2 p)	2 (1 p)	Same Awardee can NOT be selected for Christopher Award, Emergency Manager of the Year and Military Member of the Year		
Emergency Management Education and Training of the Year	Program	Any		Prior year		X						
Emergency Management Educator of the Year	Ind	Any	EM Educator/Trainer	Prior year		X				No award in a prior year		
Emergency Manager of the Year	Ind	Local, state, tribal, military, federal government, NGO, or private	Employee, contractor, academic instructor, researcher, or volunteer	Prior year	X	X		X (2 p)	2 (1 p)	Same Awardee can NOT be selected for Christopher Award, Emergency Manager of the Year and Military Member of the Year		
Preparedness Award	Ind, Team or Org	Local, state, tribal, military, fed gov, NGO	Employee, contractor, academic instructor, researcher, or volunteer		X							
Rising Star	Ind	Any	Practitioner	2019-2024	X	X		X (2 p)	2 (1 p)			
Student Advocate of the Year	Ind or Org	Any		About 1 year		X				No award in a prior year		
Student Chapter of the Year	Org	Higher Ed offers at least Bachelors in Emergency Management, Homeland Security or related	Registered student chapter		X	X				May be nominated again	Accredited institution	
Student of the Year	Ind	Higher Ed offers at least Bachelors in Emergency Management, Homeland Security or related	Higher Ed student	Prior year		X				No award in a prior year	Online or traditional	
Technology and Innovation	Ind or Org	Emergency management organization, private company, partnership, or a practitioner of emergency management		None	X							

USC Auxiliary Member of the Year	Ind	Civil Air Patrol, Merchant Marine, CG Auxiliary	EM Volunteer	18 mo. Jul 23- Dec 24		X	Unif Serv Caucus	X			Nominator must be Commodore, Squadron Commander, Director of Auxiliary, or O-6/GS-15 or above	Can nominate multiple ind
USC Civilian Member of the Year	Ind	US Armed forces or civilians	Members, civilian or contractor	18 mo. Jul 23- Dec 24		X	Unif Serv Caucus	X			Nominator O-6/GS- 15 or above	Can nominate multiple ind
USC Uniformed Emergency Manager of the Year	Ind	Active Duty, Guard, or Reservists	Member	18 mo. Jul 23- Dec 24		X	Unif Serv Caucus	X		Same Awardee can NOT be selected for Christopher Award, Emergency Manager of the Year and Military Member of the Year	Nominator O-6/GS- 15 or above from the nominee's chain of command	Can nominate multiple ind
Voluntary Organization of the Year	Org	Vol Org	Recognized by IAEM, FEMA or NVOAD	Prior year						No award in prior two years		
Volunteer Emergency Manager of the Year	Ind	Gov or non gov		Prior year		X				No award in a prior year		