

## Florida Association of Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year

Nominations for the Florida Association of Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year award are available to public educators who demonstrate excellence in using safety programs and materials to engage in their communities in consistent and creative ways during the prior calendar year. To determine the candidate's impact on the fire service and their award eligibility, nominations should include as much evidence and supporting documentation as possible in the following categories: Leadership, Community Engagement and Outreach, Establishment of Collaborative Partnerships and Networks, and Community Education and Innovation.



### Suggested Documentation to include with nomination

Supporting documents should address the expectations for each category.

- Letters
- Fliers
- Awards
- References
- Pictures
- Annual Reports
- Feedback reports
- Etc.

**Nominee's Name:**

**Total Score:**

### **How nominees will be scored:**

Nominations will be reviewed by an award committee. The award committee consists of current FFMIA/FALSE members and past "of the Year" award winners. The award committee will independently review each nomination. The committee will not be permitted to discuss the nominations or results with anyone. Nominees will be awarded up to four points in each of four categories with the highest possible score being 16 and lowest possible score being zero. Points will be awarded if they correspond to the demonstrated expectations for each criterion. Participants are eligible for points only if they meet all the specified expectations for each criterion (example below). In the event of a tie, the award committee will consider the nominees supporting documents, professional resume, and overall contributions to public education in the fire service.

**Exceptional  
Evidence  
4 Points**

- Exceptional level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in community engagement and outreach provided.
- Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee consistently engages with the community to expand CRR efforts.
- Nominee has demonstrated effectiveness in collecting community feedback with an overall positive rating to evaluate the quality of programs and services.

**Strong  
Evidence  
3 Points**

- Strong details regarding accomplishments or contributions for community engagement and outreach provided.
- Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee occasionally engages with the community to expand CRR efforts.
- Nominee has demonstrated effectiveness in collecting community feedback to evaluate the quality of programs and services.

\* In the example above, the nominee would qualify for "Strong Evidence" and be awarded 3 points since they met all the expectations under Strong Evidence.

**CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP**

**Goal:** Assume a leadership role in driving community risk reduction initiatives within the organization and community.

**Focus Areas: Accomplishments/Contributions**

- Leads the development of a community risk reduction framework that aligns with organizational and community goals.
- Establish and chair a multidisciplinary task force or committee focused on community risk reduction.
- Serves as a mentor to guide colleagues, fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation.
- Demonstrates leadership by actively participating in regional or national forums on community risk reduction.
- Advocates for the integration of risk reduction strategies into broader community planning and development initiatives.
- Demonstrates a commitment to CRR and has been recognized for professional efforts to integrate or expand CRR.
- Actively involved in FFMIA/FAFLSE.

**Points Criteria Expectations**

<p><b>Exceptional Evidence</b> 4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional level of detail regarding leadership achievements &amp; contributions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee consistently going “above and beyond” the normal scope of their professional role.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee has been formally recognized or awarded for their contributions to expand CRR.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee serves in a leadership capacity or on a task force for FFMIA/FAFLSE.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee regularly engages in professional development to expand their skills and overall effectiveness as a public educator.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong Evidence</b> 3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meets expectations; consistently demonstrates effective leadership with few areas for improvement.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strong level of detail regarding achievements/contributions provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee occasionally going “above and beyond” the normal scope of their professional role.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee is actively involved in FFMIA/FAFLSE (i.e. attends 2+ classes, events, conferences, etc. annually).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suitable Evidence</b> 2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suitable level of detail regarding leadership achievements and contributions provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee once or twice going “above and beyond” the normal scope of their professional role.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limited Evidence</b> 1 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Limited level of detail regarding leadership contributions provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No Evidence</b> 0 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of leadership achievements and contributions provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Total Points Awarded:</b></p>	<p>Award Committee Member Notes:</p>

## CATEGORY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

**Goal:** Enhance community awareness and preparedness through effective education, community engagement, and outreach initiatives.

**Focus Areas: Accomplishments/Contributions**

- Communicates risk reduction goals and strategies effectively to the organization and community.
- Listens to community concerns and incorporates feedback into plans.
- Engages community members in risk reduction activities through education, outreach, and involvement opportunities.
- Regularly collaborates with local schools, businesses, and community organizations to integrate CRR education into the community.
- Evaluates the effectiveness of education and outreach programs through surveys, feedback, and participation rates.
- Dedicated professional in the field of Fire and Life Safety Education.

### Points Criteria Expectations

<p><b>Exceptional Evidence</b> 4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in community engagement and outreach provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee consistently engages with the community to expand CRR efforts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee has demonstrated effectiveness in collecting community feedback with an overall positive rating to evaluate the quality of programs and services.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee dedicates more than 50% of their daily activities to Fire and Life Safety Education.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong Evidence</b> 3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strong details regarding accomplishments or contributions for community engagement and outreach provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee occasionally engages with the community to expand CRR efforts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee has demonstrated effectiveness in collecting community feedback to evaluate the quality of programs and services.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suitable Evidence</b> 2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suitable level of detail regarding accomplishments or contributions for community engagement and outreach provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee engages with the community as needed to expand CRR efforts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limited Evidence</b> 1 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Limited detail regarding accomplishments or contributions for community engagement and outreach provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No Evidence</b> 0 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of achievements and contributions in community engagement and outreach.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Total Points Awarded:</b></p>	<p>Award Committee Member Notes:</p>

## CATEGORY: ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

**Goal:** Build and strengthen collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders to improve community risk reduction efforts.

- Identifies and engages with relevant local, regional, and/or national agencies involved in CRR efforts.
- Fosters a collaborative environment to achieve common goals that support CRR efforts.
- Collaborate with community partners on joint initiatives, projects, and education programs to enhance collective risk reduction efforts.
- Facilitates regular meetings with CRR partners and communication channels to share information and coordinate responses to expand CRR into the community.
- Work towards the integration of risk reduction initiatives into broader community planning and development initiatives.

### Points Criteria Expectations

<p><b>Exceptional Evidence</b> 4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in establishing partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to further CRR initiatives provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee consistently going “above and beyond” to maximize partnership opportunities and working with community partners to expand CRR initiatives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong Evidence</b> 3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strong level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in establishing partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to further CRR initiatives provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee occasionally going “above and beyond” to maximize partnership opportunities and working with community partners to expand CRR initiatives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suitable Evidence</b> 2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suitable level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in establishing partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to further CRR initiatives provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee successfully working collaboratively with community partners to expand CRR initiatives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limited Evidence</b> 1 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Limited detail regarding achievements and contributions in establishing partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to further CRR initiatives provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No Evidence</b> 0 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of contributions in establishing partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to further CRR initiatives provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Total Points Awarded:</b></p>	<p>Award Committee Member Notes:</p>

## CATEGORY: COMMUNITY EDUCATION & INNOVATION

**Goal:** Enhance community awareness and preparedness through effective education, community engagement, and outreach programs.

- Demonstrates a clear vision for CRR in their organization and community.
- Develops strategic plan(s) to address identified risks that align organizational goals with community needs and resources.
- Maximizes the efficient use of available resources to achieve goals.
- Takes proactive steps to implement risk reduction initiatives.
- Monitors progress of goals and adjusts strategies as needed.
- Develops and implements educational initiatives for CRR to inform the community about potential risks and hazards.
- Develops outreach materials, which may include (but are not limited to) brochures, workshops, and online resources, to disseminate information to the community.

### Points Criteria Expectations

<p><b>Exceptional Evidence</b> 4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in community education and innovation provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence provided demonstrates the nominee's success in developing and delivering innovative education programs to expand CRR in the community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievements/contributions demonstrate the nominee's commitment and initiative to expand CRR opportunities in the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong Evidence</b> 3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strong details regarding achievements and contributions in community education and innovation provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence provided demonstrates the nominee's success in developing and delivering innovative education programs to expand CRR in the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suitable Evidence</b> 2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suitable level of detail regarding achievements and contributions in community education and innovation provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence provided demonstrates the nominee's ability to develop and deliver education programs to expand CRR in the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limited Evidence</b> 1 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Limited detail regarding achievements and contributions in community education and innovation provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No Evidence</b> 0 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of accomplishments or contributions in community education and innovation identified.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Total Points Awarded:</b></p>	<p>Award Committee Member Notes:</p>