



IAEM-USA 2016 STUDENT AWARDS COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The IAEM-Global Awards and Recognition Committee in cooperation with the IAEM Global Student Council offers these award categories:

1. Student of the Year Award
2. Student Ally Award

The IAEM Global Awards Work Group will select a first-place winner for the award categories listed above from among the first-place winners selected by their respective country councils.

The IAEM-USA Awards and Recognition Committee in cooperation with the IAEM-USA Student Region offers these award categories:

1. Student Chapter of the Year
2. Student Chapter Advisor of the Year
3. Student of the Year
4. Student Ally Award

These guidelines and the official entry form for these IAEM-USA only award categories are posted at <http://www.iaem.com/awards>

Awards Eligibility

Student of the Year Award – recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the field of emergency and disaster management. This can be done through volunteer work, promotion of the field, and contribution in their community. High academic achievement is also required (both formal and / or continuing education). Must be enrolled in a program of studies in the field of emergency management, homeland security, or related academic field offered by an accredited institution of higher learning. Must be a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers during the calendar year of 2014. Must be nominated by an IAEM Member. No self-nominations accepted.

Student Ally Award – This award is presented to an individual (IAEM member or non-member) or organization that has assisted, promoted, or supported IAEM students in their activities in the field of emergency management/homeland security and higher education. Examples could be individuals who ensured student involvement in emergency management programs or someone who guides students towards their degrees or CEM / AEM credentials. No self-nominations accepted.

Student Chapter of the Year Award - recognizes an IAEM-registered student chapter which has made significant contributions in promoting the IAEM and the student council and the field of emergency management through public awareness, increasing membership, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing the professionalism of emergency and disaster management.

Chapter Advisor of the Year – recognizes the chapter advisor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This individual has made great strides in promoting the work of the student chapter and IAEM students as a whole. This may have been demonstrated through the formation of a chapter, maintaining a high level of activity for the chapter, or in general assisting students further their education and career goals. Must have been a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers during the calendar year of 2014. No self-nominations accepted.

Student Research Awards – (aka “student research poster competition”) -- see separate award entry guidelines at <http://www.iaem.com/awards>

Number of Entries

Each nominator may submit one entry per award category.

Awards Timeline

Schedule for IAEM 2016 Award Categories (including Student Awards)

- **Announcement of Call for Entries:** Friday, April 1, 2016
- **Submission Deadline:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Judging occurs in June by judges appointed by IAEM Leadership.
- **IAEM-Global Work Group Submits IAEM-Global Awards Results to IAEM Headquarters:** during the month of July 2016

Program Period – Eligibility for Award

The awards are based on contributions and achievements during the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015 (calendar year).

Guidelines for Entries

- Please use the appropriate Student Award Entry form available at <http://www.iaem.com/awards>
- Only award entries using the official student award entry form will be accepted.
- **Award entries must be submitted via email to Karen Thompson at IAEM Headquarters no later than May 31, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Email to: Thompson@iaem.com**

How Award Submissions Will Be Judged

Criteria listed below for each award explain judging requirements. Note, all award submissions must not have received an award in a previous year.

Student of the Year:

- (Weight: 30%) Contributions to IAEM -- describe significant contributions in promoting the IAEM and the Student Council or Student Region within a country council. How has this person assisted with increasing IAEM membership and demonstrated leadership?

- (Weight: 50%) Contributions to the profession -- describe significant contributions in the field of emergency management that support increasing professionalism? What accomplishments have been achieved and recognition won?
- (Weight: 20%) Initiative in education and academic achievement -- describe academic and professional courses completed that are beyond the scope of ordinary course scheduling and/or taught others about aspects of the profession. Describe academic achievements.

Student Ally of the Year:

Describe in narrative form how the individual or organization assisted, promoted, or supported IAEM students in their activities in the field of emergency management and higher education. Examples could be individuals who ensured student involvement in emergency management programs or someone who guides students towards their degrees or CEM/AEM credential. Be specific on what makes this ally outstanding in the support provided to students.

Chapter of the Year:

- (Weight: 30%) Significant contributions in promoting IAEM, increasing membership in the IAEM, and promoting the Student Council and Student Region.
- (Weight: 35%) Significant contributions in promoting students in IAEM.
- (Weight: 35%) Significant contributions in promoting emergency management and the profession through public awareness, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing professionalism of emergency and disaster management.
- Chapter is registered with the IAEM Headquarters (yes or no)

Chapter Adviser of the Year:

- (Weight: 30%) Promoting the work of the student chapter.
- (Weight: 35%) Promoting the work of IAEM students as a whole.
- (Weight: 35%) Additional work for the student chapter above and beyond the average adviser.
- Must have been a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers during the calendar year of 2014. (yes or no)

Announcement of IAEM Award Results

The results of the judging for the IAEM award categories will be announced by the IAEM Global Awards and Recognition Committee (for Global awards) and the IAEM-USA Awards and Recognition Committee (for USA-only awards) during July 2015. The determinations of the respective awards committees will be final.

Awards Presentation

- Presentation of awards in the Student awards categories will take place at the IAEM 2016 Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia.
- IAEM Headquarters staff will generate award certificates.
- An announcement of award winners will be posted on the IAEM-Global Web site at www.iaem.com/Awards.