



# SCEMSA ANNUAL AWARDS

Annually at the SCEMSA Symposium, special recognition is given to members of the EMS Community in SC. Awards are presented to those EMS professionals who have distinguished themselves during the previous year. *(Example: Awards for accomplishments in calendar year 2023 are given out during the reception in March 2024.)*

We want to acknowledge individuals and agencies who went the extra mile, served beyond the call of duty, or simply set an example of what EMS is all about.

Award policies and procedures are below along with general rules and criteria.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE

Persons preparing nominations are advised that supporting documentation and a complete application are requirements for a successful nomination. Submitting only the nomination form or a single page document in support of a nomination rarely results in a favorable outcome. Applicants are encouraged to be creative, and to begin early to collect supporting documents.

A suggestion for applicants is to try to present the candidate(s) strengths according to the four scoring criteria in this document, and to then document this information with letters of support or other supporting documents like social media posts, press releases, news articles, etc. Applicants are cautioned that photos which are illegible or indecipherable by the readers may be worse than no copy at all.

The judges will not know the candidate, therefore, be as all-inclusive as possible by concisely presenting the important information that will lead to a high score.

All information should support a candidate for deeds or valor that took place during the current calendar year of the nominations deadline.

## SUBMISSIONS

- Nominations shall not exceed 10 pages (including the nomination statement and supporting documents)
- All nominations will be submitted to **SCEMSA** electronically by filling out the nomination forms at [www.scemsa.org/awards](http://www.scemsa.org/awards) and submitting it before the deadline. Support materials should be uploaded on the nomination form.
- **NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

- All nominations must meet the requirements as spelled out on the nomination or on the SCEMSA website.

## JUDGING

- The SCEMSA Events/Awards committee will review all nominations to ensure they meet the criteria. Then the committee will send the nominations to a special awards selection committee. The selection committee will consist of at least three (3) EMS professionals from ***outside of SC*** with no affiliation with any of the nominees. Affiliation is defined as working with the ambulance service, training center or a history of working closely with the nominee. The awards committee will be responsible for the selection of a neutral and qualified selection committee.
- Once the nomination has been received by SCEMSA it will be considered confidential until the award has been presented.
- The selection committee will consider the application as submitted and not request or consider any information not included in the award nomination.
- Awards which are decided by the judges will be objectively scored according to the criteria below. All nominations are scored on a zero to ten-point range with criteria categories. Applicants are urged to address all categories to receive the maximum possible point score.

The four categories include:

### Individual

1. What has the individual accomplished to improve EMS?
2. Community involvement of the individual.
3. Credentials or awards.
4. Letters of recommendation.

### Service

1. Improvement of service over the last year.
2. Community involvement of the service.
3. Credentials or awards of service.
4. Letters of recommendations.

A perfect nomination would receive a score of 40 points from each reader.

- Nominations received will become the property of SCEMSA and will not be returned.
- All members of the awards process will honor the confidentiality of the process.
- The decision of the selection committee is considered final. Only under extenuating circumstances will the Award committee or the SCEMSA board interfere with the determination of the selection committee.

- The selection committee may elect to not grant a given award if the nominations do not meet the criteria for the award.
- An individual can only be considered for one award annually among those decided by the Awards Committee. In the event that a person is nominated for more than one award, that person's nomination will be assigned to one award category only. Such assignment is not an implied or expressed decision to present the award to the person.
- An individual or organization may only receive an award in the same award category once every three years.
- All award nominees will be notified by e-mail prior to the SCEMSA conference.
- An invitation to the awards reception will be sent by SCEMSA to the finalists.

All award questions should be directed to: Mary Napier, CAO, [mary.napier@scemsa.org](mailto:mary.napier@scemsa.org).