

Awards Season is Upon Us!

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We just wrapped up another terrific year by learning from each other and celebrating our colleagues' accomplishments at the 2021 virtual NEAFCS conference, and that means only one thing: Awards season is once again upon us!

I encourage all of you to set aside some time to review all our available awards, which can be found here:

<https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/assets/awards/2022-awards/2022-Awards-Manual.pdf>. The handbook is a great resource for learning about the requirements for each award as well as the criteria upon which they are judged.

Programs and materials that have been developed and/or delivered in the last three years are eligible for awards. Think about all the programming and educational materials you have created in the last three years, either individually or as part of a team, and see which ones can be submitted. Things that may not seem to fit the criteria for an award at first glance may be eligible after a closer look and a little creativity.

While many of our members submit their work for awards, there is still room to grow. One of my goals as VP for Awards and Recognition is to increase the number of members who apply for awards as well as to boost applications for those awards that receive fewer submissions. Check out the article in this edition of eNEAFCS about the number of applicants per award, written by John Fuller of the Awards and Recognition Training Subcommittee, to learn more about which awards could use more applicants.

