

Excellence in Fisheries Education Award

The Excellence in Fisheries Education Award (EFEA) is one of the most prestigious awards presented by the American Fisheries Society and is presented to an individual in recognition of excellence in organized teaching and advising in some aspect of fisheries education. All application materials will be considered by the EFEA Committee; however, a well-organized nomination packet is essential for ensuring that the nominee's accomplishments are highlighted and conveyed to the EFEA Committee. As such, the following is the suggested format for nomination materials.

Suggested application format:

A. Cover letter.

The cover letter is written by the person(s) nominating the individual for the award and should provide a broad overview and summary of the nominee's qualifications (e.g., awards, descriptions of exemplary service, students taught and advised, post-graduate achievements of former students).

B. Documentation of accomplishments.

Supporting materials that document the nominee's accomplishments in fisheries education should be included in the application packet (e.g., curriculum vitae, summaries of student evaluations). It is important here not to confuse research accomplishments with educational accomplishments (although quite often the two may overlap); a list of best poster/best paper awards garnered by former students is far more influential than a simple listing of all conference presentations.

C. Letters of support.

The best application packets generally contain letters of support from a diversity of current and former students (i.e., undergraduate and graduate students) and colleagues. A maximum of six letters of support may be included in the nomination packet.