



NFPA®

EDUCATOR *of the Year*



Apply for the

2012 NFPA Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year Award!

Educators are key to the success of NFPA's programs. That's why NFPA's **Educator of the Year** Award is so important. It gives educators the recognition they deserve for taking the lead role in making their communities safer.

We are looking for fire and life safety educators who:

- Work for a local fire department
- Use NFPA's *Risk Watch*®, *Learn Not to Burn*®, *Remembering When™: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults*, or Fire Prevention Week materials
- Use NFPA materials in a consistent and creative way
- Demonstrate excellence and innovation, reaching out to the community with NFPA materials
- View NFPA as the source for safety information

The 2012 "**Educator of the Year**" will receive:

- \$1,000 honorarium
- Travel to Las Vegas, in June 2012 for an award presentation at the general session of the NFPA annual conference

The educator's **local fire department** will receive:

- \$1,000 donation to support public education activities

The deadline for applications is **February 24, 2012**. NFPA will present the 2012 "Educator of the Year" at the NFPA annual conference in June.



Maria Pelchar

2011 **RECIPIENT** **Maria Pelchar,**

inspector/fire and life safety educator with the Holyoke, MA Fire Department, has been named the 2011 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year. For the past five years she has been introducing the Holyoke community to NFPA's *Learn Not to Burn* Preschool Program, *Risk Watch*, and *Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults*. She also organizes Fire Prevention Week events.

Maria has implemented programs to train all preschool teachers, home day care owners, city workers, and agency representatives about fire prevention using NFPA materials. She has overseen a smoke alarm installation program for older adults. With the ethnic makeup of Holyoke in mind, she designed a bilingual fire safety puppet show for children and adults. Maria was a recipient of an NFPA Public Education Division scholarship to attend the NFPA Conference & Expo and a scholarship to attend the division's Remembering When Conference.

DOWNLOAD an application at www.nfpa.org/educator or use the application on the back of this flyer.



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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

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Title _____

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“EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR” NOMINEE:

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This form, with all supporting materials, must be returned to NFPA by February 24, 2012. NFPA will present the 2012 winner at the conference in Las Vegas in June 2012. An announcement about the winning fire and life safety educator will be posted on the “Educator of the Year” award program page, www.nfpa.org/educatoroftheyear.

Applications submitted become the property of NFPA and cannot be returned.

For more information call (617) 984-7274

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Please type your answers on separate pages and attach.

1. How long has this fire and life safety educator been using NFPA’s educational programs (Risk Watch®, Learn Not to Burn®, Remembering When™, or NFPA Fire Prevention Week materials)? (20 points)
2. What makes this educator outstanding? Give specific examples of innovative ideas and activities that make this educator unique. Please include photographs, activity sheets, handouts, etc., that clearly demonstrate excellence and innovation. Describe goals and objectives. (This portion of the application should demonstrate how the educator has used NFPA materials in the community. This is the section to showcase the nominee’s accomplishments.) (50 points)
3. Include letters of support from nominee’s fire chief, fire marshal, school system official, community center director, older adult center director, community leaders, or other residents of the community. Letters should support how the educator has made a positive impact on community safety using NFPA materials. Maximum of 5 support letters. (20 points)
4. Is the educator a member of any NFPA technical committee, task force on disabilities, urban task force, public education network, Risk Watch Safe Community network, or Education Section? Has the educator ever attended the NFPA annual conference or received a Remembering When scholarship or public educator scholarship to attend the conference? (5 points)
5. Please include any additional remarks to support nominee as the NFPA “Educator of the Year”. (5 points)

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