

Great Plains Fire Science Communicator Award Description

The intention of the Great Plains Fire Science Communicator Award is to recognize outstanding science communication in any format that promotes and fosters the understanding and use of prescribed burning or reduces the risk and consequences of wildfires in the Great Plains. The Great Plains fire community has described a great science communicator as a person or team that:

1. Helps the general public interpret science results and apply them to real life situations.
2. Has characteristics of being reliable, down-to-earth, and is a phenomenal listener.
3. Translates science into relatable, easily understood concepts.
4. Uses solid data and relevant images to underpin a science story.
5. Connects what needs to be known or done to what people care about.

The Great Plains Fire Science Communicator Award will be awarded during the Great Plains Fire Summit on a bi-annual basis. Awardee will be selected by an awards committee consisting of 2-3 Great Plains Fire Science Exchange board of directors members, the project coordinator, the outreach coordinator, and 2 other members of the Great Plains fire community. Awardees will be selected from submitted applications. If no applications are submitted, the Award committee may select an awardee based on their knowledge of outstanding science communication efforts in the Great Plains.

Examples of science communication could include:

Provide active leadership in science communication at local, state, and/or national levels.

Contribute to fire science instruction and learning opportunities.

Provide self-directed learning opportunities.

Rules

Entries must be in English.

Application requirements must be completed.

Applicants are encouraged to apply on their own behalf.

Teams /or individuals may submit applications.

Great Plains Fire Science Exchange PI and outreach coordinator are not eligible to receive the award.

Great Plains Fire Science Communicator Award Application Requirements
Application deadline: July 1, 2024

Required information:

1. Nominator Contact Info (if different than candidate)
 - a. Address
 - b. Phone number
 - c. Email

2. Nominee Contact info and Position/Title/Agency (i.e., PBA member, landowner, agency staff, firefighter, researcher) (If team, contact info for all team members)
 - a. Address
 - b. Phone number
 - c. Email

3. One-to-two-page description of nominee's contributions to fire science communication (Calibri 11-point font, 1" margins, 8.5"x11" page size, single side, single line spacing) that includes the applicant's:
 - a. Philosophy of fire science communication
 - a. Impact of fire science communication efforts
 - b. Application of fire science communication in fire community role(s)
 - c. Collaborative efforts

4. Supporting materials
 - a. Examples of science communication efforts: writing, speaking, presentations, workshops, videos, blogs, photos, newsletters, articles, posts, legislation, etc. Provide links and/or screenshots where applicable. Compile into single pdf document.

5. Letter of support. If self-nominating, please obtain a one-page letter of support from another member of the Great Plains fire community. If a nomination is submitted by someone other than the nominee, no letter of support is needed.

Send completed application materials to Lori Bammerlin bammerlin@ksu.edu. Please put **GPFSE SciComm Award Application** in the subject line. Applications are due July 1 of years when the Great Plains Fire Summit is held. Questions about how to apply should be directed to Carol Baldwin carolbaldwin@ksu.edu, 785.731.7023.