



International Association for
Food Protection®

Elmer Marth Educator Award

WHO WAS ELMER MARTH?

The Elmer Marth Educator Award is named in honor of Elmer Marth, a professor with the University of Wisconsin – Madison, who mentored more than 60 graduate students in his 34 years at the university. Dr. Marth served as Editor of the Journal of Food Protection for 20 years. He passed away in 2006.

The Elmer Marth Educator Award recognizes an active IAFP Member for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of the Educator. The award consists of a plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium sponsored by **Nelson-Jameson, Inc.**

Qualifications for nominees

- Be a non-student Member in good standing at the time of nomination and during the IAFP Annual Meeting (when receiving the award)
- Hold an academic, teaching, research and/or extension appointment in a college or university or other educational position (or be retired from such within the past 2 years)
- Have a minimum 5 years of experience as an educator
- Previous recipients of the Educator Award, IAFP Executive Board Members, and IAFP Awards Committee Members are not eligible

Criteria for nominations

Please provide *specific information* on the following:

- **Career highlights—length of service and positions held in educator profession(s)**
Provide a resume or summary of positions held related to teaching, outreach and/or educational research activities including activities that highlight the nominee's dedication to the profession and that demonstrate the high personal standards. CVs must be no longer than 20 pages maximum.
- **Contributions to leadership in teaching, extension and/or in research**
Provide specific examples such as development or implementation of new teaching methods; publication of textbooks or reviews on food protection used for teaching; development of new courses in food protection; mentoring students (e.g., # of graduate degrees); development of extension/outreach/training programs for the food industry; research that has application in education, etc. Recognition by colleagues or students could be demonstrative of achievements.
- **Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals or developed educational materials**
Provide a listing of publications and educational materials developed (including extension materials, Web sites) that have application to the profession of educator.
- **Participation in IAFP activities**
Provide membership history and listing of past and present involvement in IAFP committees and PDGs, Annual Meeting attendance and program participation (e.g., speaker, symposium organizer, etc.) and other IAFP activities.
- **Peer assessment of nominee**
Provide no less than two and no more than three letters of support* from professional peers **in addition to a nomination cover letter***.

Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluating nominee

Other activities or characteristics of the nominee that are not specifically covered under the above criteria may be provided to emphasize the nominee's dedication to food protection and demonstrate the nominee's high personal standards (e.g., other associations, volunteer and community activities, etc.).

Submitting nominations

Nominations must be submitted as one PDF to awards@foodprotection.org by Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Please follow directions carefully to avoid errors. **Nominations received by email directly to the IAFP office or by mail will not be accepted.** If you have any questions about this award or the required documents, please contact Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Once you have submitted your **complete** nomination, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt from Susan within 48 hours. (If you do not, please contact Susan.)

**Nomination letter and letters of support cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*

IAFP Elmer Marth Educator Award Judging Procedure

Procedure for evaluation of each candidate

This procedure was designed with the intention of providing a matrix to help the award jury select a winner with a relatively equitable, semi-quantitative method. Nominators have been instructed to provide specific information on the candidate that reflects the expectations and specific intent of the Elmer Marth Educator Award: *To honor an active IAFP Member for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of the Educator.* Each criterion listed in the next section has a weight factor that is considered to reflect its importance relative to the specific intent of the Elmer Marth Educator Award.

The jury's task is to evaluate the nominee by measuring his or her performance against the criteria listed above and applying the 1-10 Rating Scale given below. To obtain each criterion's *weighted score, multiply the criterion's % weight (in decimal format) times the score that was assigned from the 1-10 Rating Scale. Nominees should be ranked for each criterion on their own merit and should also be ranked in relation to other nominees. The table provided on the next page should be used to organize the evaluation data. Add the weighted scores in order to obtain the overall ranking of the candidate.

Rating Scale

9.0 – 10.0	Outstanding: performance exceeds <i>judge's</i> expectations for criterion
8.0 – 8.9	Above average: performance is above average expectation level for criterion
7.0 – 7.9	Average: performance meets average criterion expectations
6.0 – 6.9	Below average: performance below expectations
5.9 or less	Unsatisfactory or not applicable: performance does not meet criterion expectations or the criterion does not apply to the candidate

The following is an example showing a nominee receiving a perfect score (10 in each criterion).

Award Criteria	Criterion % Weight (x Factor)	Judge's Score	Weighted Score
Career Highlights	20 % (0.20)	10.0	2.0
Contributions to Leadership	30 % (0.30)	10.0	3.0
Publications	20 % (0.20)	10.0	2.0
Participation in IAFP	20 % (0.20)	10.0	2.0
Peer Assessment	<u>10 % (0.10)</u>	10.0	<u>1.0</u>
	100 %		10.0

*Weighted score = criteria score given based on rating guideline times criteria weight factor: (e.g., If contributions to Leadership score is 8, then $8 \times 0.30 = 2.4$ weighted score)