



## AWARD CATEGORIES

The Senator Nicholas C. Petris Award – In honor of the memory of Senator Nicholas C. Petris and his great life work and contribution in support of emergency management. This award is presented to an organization or individual for outstanding service in the field of emergency management. This award is the highest level of recognition from the organization. (No maximum award limit has been placed on this category.)

President's Award – This award is voted on by all Directors of the Association Board – not solely the President. The award is to be presented for outstanding contributions to the CESA Organization. It should be awarded to a member of the organization unless otherwise justified. (No maximum award limit has been placed on this category.)

Gold Awards (Up to four Gold Awards may be presented per year in any combination):

- Private Sector Awards – Awards issued from this category will be awarded to private sector organizations or individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the field of emergency management. Can be issued for preparedness efforts or other emergency management efforts resulting in benefits statewide. Not limited to members.
- Public Sector Awards – Awards issued from this category will be awarded to public sector organizations or individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the field of emergency management. Can be issued for preparedness efforts or other emergency management efforts resulting in benefits statewide. Not limited to members.

Emerald Award – This award will be presented in appreciation to an individual from the private or public sector that is a current or past CESA member that has made significant professional contributions to the CESA organization and the emergency management field. This award may be presented in the name of any active CESA member or in memoriam of a past member as a part of the annual awards ceremony or at other times of the year as a recommended and approved by the CESA Board (i.e., a retirement or memorial events.)

Exceptional Service Award – This award is presented to an individual or organization (public, private or non-profit) for exceptional duties performed during response and/or recovery to an emergency incident during the past year. This award should be used to recognize events with multiple personnel who responded to an incident jointly, where performance of their expected duties was performed, but recognition should be provided for the response to the event (example: large, complex earthquake).

Special Recognition Awards – The Association Board can also create Special Recognition Awards for unique contributions.

Honorary Life Member(ship) – Recommendations can be made by the Chapter Boards to the Association Board at any time during the year to honor a CESA member who has provided outstanding contributions to both the CESA Organization and the field of emergency management. This award may be presented at any time during the year at the discretion of the Association Board.