



Introduction to the Benjamin Franklin Fire Writer's Award - 2017

Benjamin Franklin is recognized as the “Father of the American Fire Service”. In almost any reference, whether it is fire prevention, fire suppression, fire engineering or even fire education, his name is invoked as being among the first in this nation to be the advocate of fire and life safety.

However, he was most proud of his chosen trade; that of a printer. He made his fortune as a writer. Poor Richard's Almanac was only one of his efforts to convert ideas into words and to act upon them in a meaningful manner. He had a profound impact not only on the fire service but upon our government, the insurance industry, our lifestyles and the sense of self-assessment that still rings clear in contemporary society.

One of his efforts was to create the JUNTO in 1736 which also resulted in the creation of the first lending library, the creation of a volunteer fire company, the national postal system and the insurance industry. All of these institutions exist in contemporary society today.

Franklin left a huge legacy of written products. He encouraged writers to “go on record” as to their beliefs, their observations and their support of both public and private initiatives. Unfortunately, in spite of all of these efforts, there is no national writer's award that recognizes the relationship between Franklin and the Discipline of Fire Protection in our society.

Fee

The application fee is \$17.36 USD for each individual entry. There is symbolism in the selection of this amount. It reflects the year that is acknowledged as Benjamin Franklin's efforts to establish the Union Fire Company of Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Eligibility Period

Open period – up until May 17, 2017.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will be determined by the Board of Directors of the NFHC on an annual basis.

Awards

There will be an award for first, second and third places.

Questions

For any specific questions, please email them to: ron@fireforceone.com

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Application Form for the Benjamin Franklin Fire Writer's Award

To: National Fire Heritage Center

From: Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

The following publication/article is being nominated for consideration for a "Franklin" issued by the National Fire Heritage Center.

- a. Best fictional novel with fire, firefighter or fire related professional solving problems.
- b. Best non-fiction book that addresses fires, firefighters, or other fire professional in solving a specific or general problem.
- c. Best biography of person who had served in any position involving fire protection disciplines.
- d. Best autobiography of person who had served in any position involving fire protection disciplines.
- e. Best single newspaper article addressing a local, regional, state or national fire protection issue.
- f. Best magazine/newspaper article series addressing a local, regional, state or national fire protection issue.
- g. Best media presentation addressing a major fire prevention issue at the local, state, national or international level.

Writer/Author

Publisher

Address

Fax

Email

Commentary - Please provide a brief narrative of the importance of this document to the fire profession in the United States:

Nominated by:

Address

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Received by: NFHC

Date: _____

Application Fee Enclosed: Yes No

Copied to Committee: Yes No

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Application: _____

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