



Byron “Jeff” Durant Prescribed Fire Excellence Award

To recognize a Texas A&M Forest Service employee who has done an outstanding job as a prescribed burn boss, as a staff member assisting in prescribed burn preparation and operations, and/or in efforts to promote and increase the safe and effective use of prescribed fire in Texas. Nominations will be accepted from any agency employee.

The candidate should exhibit excellence in two or more of the listed criteria:

- Planning and field work contributing to a successful prescribed fire program.
- High degree of safety, creativity, and success in the practice of prescribed fire.
- Training and mentoring of new prescribed burn managers and/or fire staff.
- Dedicated operational support of agency prescribed fire programs.
- Prescribed fire outreach to the public, prescribed fire capacity building, and/or coordination with cooperators.
- Successful programmatic delivery and implementation of prescribed fire financial assistance programs.
- Historical or career achievements in the field of prescribed fire.
- Burn Boss accomplishments.

Any employee is eligible when meeting these criteria:

- A current full-time employee that was also a full time employee during the entire fiscal year preceding the presentation of the award.
- Not holding the title of Director, Associate Director, or Department Head.
- Did not receive the award in the previous year.

Deadline for nominations is August 31st.

For forms and guidelines: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/administration/awards/>

The Director presents the recipient an engraved plaque and \$500 cash award at the annual Personnel Meeting or similar agency meeting. Along with a cash award, the recipient’s name will be applied to a drip torch that will be displayed at the agency headquarters in College Station.

Past recipients:

Year	Recipient
2024	<i>Award established - No nominee</i>