



Awarded every odd year at the MEA Winter Conference.

Nominations are accepted October 1 - December 31 of the previous year.

**Nominating Form**

Nominating individuals or groups must be MEA members in good standing. If the nominee to be considered is an MEA member, the person must be in good standing. To submit this form, please complete the form by supplying all requested information and save this document with your changes. Nominating individuals or groups may submit nominations for more than one award. Each award must be accompanied by a separate nominating form and required documentation. **Email MEA Vice President Brett Smith (brsmith@mea.org)** and attach letters of recommendation, photos and any other related material by December 31, 2024.

**Choose one:**

**Instructional Excellence for Diverse Learners Award** - This individual demonstrates exceptional skill in teaching and/or provides ancillary support to students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs), 504s, English Language Learners, or any other specialized program. As a result of their work, outstanding student outcomes measured in proficiency or growth are clearly observed. Eligible winners come from the ranks of anyone who services a student in special education: para educators, teachers, higher education instructors/professors and include all ancillary support members in counseling, social workers, speech and language teachers/therapists.

**Instructional Excellence Award** – This individual demonstrates exceptional skill in teaching and has outstanding student outcomes measured in proficiency or growth. Eligible winners come from the ranks of para educators, PK-12 teachers, higher education instructors/professors.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion Award** – This individual demonstrates exceptional work advocating for diversity, equity, & inclusion for students in PK-16 public schools and has created or supported a system that had a positive impact on all under represented populations.

**Distinguished Servant of Public Education Award** – This individual positively promotes public education through union activity, political action, and/or community advocacy. Eligible winners come from the ranks of ESP, PK-12 teachers, or higher education.

**Nominee Information**

NAME JOB TITLE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE CELL EMAIL

WORKSITE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERVISOR/PRINCIPAL

LOCAL ASSOCIATION LOCAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT UNISERV DIRECTOR

Has the individual been informed of his/her nomination?

Yes

No

Submitted by:

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NAME

JOB TITLE

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ADDRESS

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CITY

STATE ZIP

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HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

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WORKSITE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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LOCAL ASSOCIATION

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE. INCLUDE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION AS IT RELATES TO THE AWARD.

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TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY AND NUMBER OF YEARS IN EXISTENCE

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RECORD OF SUCCESS; PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM OR SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Optional attachments (mark if including):

Letters of recommendation (no more than 3)

Photographs related to the award

Other

**\*Please submit this application to the nominee's local president for approval before sending to the MEA Executive Office.**

**LOCAL PRESIDENT APPROVAL**

**DATE**

Local President Comments (Optional)