

2009-2010
NEARI ESP of the Year Award

A little more than 15 years ago, fewer than 20,000 classified staff were members of NEA. Today, NEA Educational Support Professional membership well exceeds the 311,000 mark. NEA ESP members are actively involved in the Association – in bargaining, political action, community organizing, and school restructuring efforts – as partners with their teacher colleagues.

To further emphasize the contributions of educational support professional to their schools and communities, NEARI is sponsoring a special honor, the NEARI Education Support Professional of the Year Award. NEARI will present the Educational Support Professional of the Year Award to a NEARI member whose activities reflect the contributions of educational support professional to public education.

CRITERIA

The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who shows outstanding accomplishments in the following areas:

- Involvement in the local and state Association.
- Enhancement of educational support professional's image in the Association, work site and community.
- Worksite responsibilities and professional achievement in his/her classification.
- Involvement in community.

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals must have been a NEARI member for three years as of September 30 of the school year in which the award is given.
- Individuals may be nominated by their local or state Association or anyone in the educational community in which he/she works.

SELECTION OF THE AWARD

All nominations received by NEARI must be submitted on the official nomination form or facsimile, and will be processed as follows:

- Each nomination will be checked to insure that it meets eligibility requirements.
- The selection committee will be the ESP subcommittee of the NEARI ESP Caucus. The NEARI selection committee will review applicants according to the criteria and purpose listed.
- The committee's selection of the NEARI ESP Award will be forwarded to the NEARI President, Lawrence Purtill for approval.

Nomination Form
2009-2010
ESP of the Year Award

Please provide written responses to the following questions:

Describe the work site responsibilities and professional achievements the nominee has made in his or her classification or field.

What innovations has the nominee made to support the day-to-day educational process?

How have the nominee's activities enhanced the image of educational support professional in his or her work site?

Describe the nominee's involvement and activities in the Association and how he or she has enhanced the image of educational support professional.

How has the nominee been involved in promoting public education in the community?

<p>NOTE: Please attach additional pages for answers. All questions must be answered in order to be considered for this award.</p>

Nomination Form
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I hereby nominate the following person to receive the 2009-2010 NEARI ESP of the Year Award to be presented at the ESP Charity Banquet.

Nominee _____

Local Affiliation _____

Nominee's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title/Job Classification _____

Please complete this form. Also provide two letters of support, and any other supporting documents that may assist in the evaluation of the nominee.

Nominator _____ (Please Print)

_____ (Signature)

Local Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact for further information _____

Phone (Work) _____

(Home) _____

NOTE: All nominations submitted to NEARI will be evaluated on the basis of criteria stated on this application form.

<p>Send these forms to Jane Argentieri, NEARI, 99 Bald Hill Road, Cranston, RI 02920, by November 4, 2009. For further information call (401) 463-9630.</p>
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