

11. NEA-Alaska Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year

The purpose of the NEA-Alaska ESP of the Year award is to recognize excellence in the educational support profession in Alaska.

Criteria: The NEA-Alaska ESP of the Year shall be selected from the nominees submitted by any NEA-Alaska member or local active and in good standing with the NEA-Alaska in the nomination year. A nominee shall meet the following criteria:

- a. The candidate must be an active member of the association.
- b. The candidate must have worked in the same district for five (5) years preceding nomination.
- c. The candidate must plan to continue working during and after the year he/she is the local or state ESP of the Year.
- d. The candidate's demonstrable attributes should include the following characteristics:
 - 1) Exceptionally skilled and dedicated worker.
 - 2) The ability to inspire colleagues and others to perform their work well.
 - 3) The respect and admiration of students and/or colleagues.
 - 4) An active and useful participant in the community as well as the school.
- e. The candidate shall be articulate and have enthusiasm for duties associated with being the NEA-Alaska ESP of the Year.

Procedures:

- a. Nominations must be received by the Anchorage office **on or before June 1st**.
- b. The NEA-Alaska President shall appoint a committee including a representative from the Board of Directors, Human and Civil Rights Committee, Executive Committee, current ESP of the Year recipient, and at least two ESP members to make the selection on or before October 1st. The ESP of the Year will serve as the chair of the selection committee.

Award:

- a. The recipient will receive a plaque and a \$500 honorarium
- b. The award shall be announced and presented at Delegate Assembly
- c. The recipient shall be invited to attend Delegate Assembly to receive the award. If the recipient has no plans to attend Delegate Assembly, NEA-Alaska shall pay expenses and travel and one night's hotel accommodation unless other funds are available.
- d. NEA-Alaska will make every effort to coordinate with the newly selected Education Support Professional (ESP) and Teacher of the Year (TOY) school or site supervisor to have a school wide assembly or something of this sort for the official announcement of the recipients selection. In addition to having this site wide recognition NEA-Alaska will make every effort for the current ESP or TOY to be present at this announcement. NEA-Alaska will contact the local media to be present for this announcement and publish a press release with the information.

NEA-Alaska Education Support Professional of the Year Application Form

Name of Local: _____

Name of ESP Member: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Home/Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Home email: _____ Work email: _____

Primary work area: _____ Grade Level: _____

Total Years of ESP experience: _____ Years in current position: _____

Former job experience, education or training: _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials may be shared with persons interested in promoting the NEA-Alaska Education Support Professional of the Year program.

Signature: _____

Name and address/phone of school principal or supervisor: _____

Name and address/phone of school superintendent/chief school administrative officer: _____

Signature of superintendent and/or principal/supervisor (optional):

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

A committee of members selects each year's winner. This is your opportunity to share with the members of the committee whatever information you think would be helpful to them in making their decision. You may include biographical information, information on programs you have developed or used successfully, your commitment to your community, your Association work, a brief discussion of major issues/trends impacting education and the work of Support Professionals. Please include letters of reference if you would like as well.

(Please note: The winner of the state's nomination is eligible to submit their nomination for the National Education Association ESP of the year as well. Their nomination submission includes a paper written by the ESP in regard to Professional Practice, Member Advocacy and Association Involvement, Community Engagement, Personal Achievement, Enhancement of the ESP Image.)

This application and all supporting documentation should be received in the office of NEA-Alaska by June 1.