

**Guidelines for the
Maine Education Association**

JOAN MCGOVERN ESP AWARD

PURPOSE:

To emphasize outstanding accomplishments and reflect the contributions of Education Support Professionals to public education.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

The individual must have been an MEA/NEA member for three years as of January 15 of the award year. The individual must also be an MEA Education Support Professional (ESP) member who shows outstanding accomplishments.

Individuals will be judged according to the criteria listed on the nomination form.

PROCEDURE:

The nomination form must be received by the MEA President by **March 1, 2017**. Each nomination form must be signed by an MEA member. It is the responsibility of the person making the nomination to contact the nominee and ascertain his/her willingness to accept the nomination and award and prepare the contents of the nomination.

FINAL SELECTION:

Whenever the number of award nominations exceeds five, a screening committee shall be established to review the nominations. The committee, appointed by the MEA President, shall include a past recipient, a member not in a leadership position, a Board of Directors member, and the MEA President or designee. The names of five nominees will be sent to the Board of Directors for final selection.

Award recipients will be notified through the office of the MEA President. (In any given year, this award may not be presented.)

PRESENTATION:

Announcement of the recipient of the Joan McGovern ESP Award will be made at the MEA Representative Assembly. The winner will be nominated for the NEA ESP Award the following academic year and will represent Maine at the NEA ESP Conference. Each year, one nominee receives the NEA ESP of the Year Award, which includes \$10,000 cash prize from NEA Member Benefits. The winner will also be invited to address that year's NEA Representative Assembly, attend the following year's NEA ESP Conference, and is appointed to the following year's NEA ESP of the Year selection committee with expenses paid for by NEA.

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NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: March 1, 2017

NAME OF NOMINEE _____
LOCAL ASSOCIATION _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
HOME PHONE: _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
WORK PHONE: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTENTS OF NOMINATION: Nomination packages must include all of the materials listed below, in the specified order.

A. DATA SHEET

Limit to one page maximum, at least twelve-point type. Handwritten data sheets are not accepted. The Data Sheet should be marked Page 1 of your packet, and the rest numbered consecutively.

Requests contact information for the state, federal, or direct affiliate, the nominee, and the nominee's local affiliate.

B. NOMINATION LETTER

Limit to five pages maximum, double-spaced, at least twelve-point type, and one inch margins on all sides. Must be on state, federal, or local affiliate letterhead and signed by the affiliate president.

Addresses the five award criteria outlined below, citing as many specific examples as possible. Answer all questions.

1. **Professional Practice:** Describe the worksite responsibilities and professional achievements the nominee has made in his/her field. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, creativity, and innovation in making a difference for students and the school or workplace?
2. **Member Advocacy and Association Involvement:** In what ways does the nominee show evidence of leadership, creativity and innovation as an advocate for members, for the profession, and for public education? How has the nominee's involvement in the National Education Association or NEA affiliate(s) contributed to his/her success as a professional? How would the nominee recruit and encourage colleague to be more involved with the Association?
3. **Community Engagement:** Specify in detail how the nominee has been involved in promoting public education within the community through charitable projects and activities and examples of how that involvement has benefited students, families and members.
4. **Personal Achievement:** How has involvement in Association and community activities enabled the nominee to meet his/her own personal goals? What advice would the nominee give to someone entering the profession?

5. **Enhancement of ESP Image:** Describe in detail how the nominee's activities have enhanced the image of Educational Support Professionals at the worksite, in the Association, and in the community.

C. RESUME

Limit to one page maximum, double-spaced, at least twelve-point type, and at least one-inch margins on all sides. May use narrative, bulleted lists or both.

Provides a brief bullets of the nominee's work and professional experiences, which may include professional positions held; education; association positions; other organizations' positions; honors/achievements.

D. NOMINEE'S STATEMENT

Limit to two pages maximum, double-spaced; at least twelve point type, one-inch margins on all sides.

Give specific examples of achievement in each of the five criteria areas: professional practice; member advocacy and association involvement; community engagement; personal achievement; enhancement of ESP image.

E. LETTERS OR ENDORSEMENT

Limit up to three letters, two pages maximum each, double-spaced; at least twelve point type, and one-inch margins on all sides. Must be submitted with all other materials.

Letters should be from those who know the nominee well such as association leaders, colleagues, current or former students, parents, community members, etc. Letters must note how long the writer has known the nominee and in what capacity the writer is able to comment on the nominee's professional work.

Signature of an MEA Member

Date

Local Association: _____

Home Address: _____

Street

City

Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**Please forward nominations to the
MEA President,
Maine Education Association,
35 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330**

For Office Use Only: Membership has been verified where required.

Submission Instructions:

1. Number the pages of the entire package consecutively, starting with the Data Sheet (Part A) as Page 1.
2. Do **not** staple or permanently bind the materials. Paper clips are acceptable.
3. Do **not** use covers or other decorative packaging.
4. Include **only** the materials requested in these guidelines.
5. The complete nomination package must be received at the Maine Education Association.

Send your nomination package to:

**The President
Maine Education Association
35 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330**

Questions? Call 1-888-622-4418, extension 2218 or e-mail lheaney@maineea.org.

Checklist:

_____A.	DATA SHEET	1 page
_____B.	Nomination Letter	5 pages max.
_____C.	RÉSUMÉ	1 page max.
_____D.	NOMINEE'S STATEMENT	2 pages max.
_____E.	LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT	6 pages max. (3 letters, 2 pages each)
	TOTAL	15 pages max.

ESP of the Year Award Data Sheet

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee:

Home Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

School/Worksite:

District:

Work Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Job Title:

Number of Years as NEA Member

FEDERAL, STATE, OR DIRECT AFFILIATE INFORMATION

President:

Affiliate Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

LOCAL AFFILIATE INFORMATION

President:

Affiliate Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail: