

# ESPecially for Kids Award

*This award recognizes extraordinary efforts by classified education support professionals on behalf of public education. The ESPecially for Kids recipient will receive a \$1,500 cash award.*

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

All current Education Support Professional (ESP) members of an AEA local affiliate who have been AEA members for at least three years as of January 15 of the award year are eligible. Nominees must be an “active” member at the time of selection. Individuals must be nominated by their local association affiliate, either a wall-to-wall or ESP affiliate.

## **GUIDELINES:**

The AEA Board of Directors or a designated committee or subcommittee will read and rate all nominations. Its members may also conduct follow-up interviews by phone or in person with nominees or references.

## **CRITERIA:**

**Nominations will be judged according to the following five criteria:**

### **Professional Practice**

Worksite responsibilities and professional achievements the nominee has made in his/her field; must include at least one example of how the nominee directly impacts student success in his/her school or workplace.

### **Member Advocacy and Association Involvement**

Evidence of leadership, creativity and innovation in advocating for members, for the profession and for public education; evidence of involvement in NEA or its affiliates and how it contributes to professional success; evidence that the nominee is active in member recruitment and encouraging colleagues to be more involved members.

### **Community Engagement**

Details on how the nominee is involved in promoting public education within the community through charitable projects and activities and examples of how that involvement has benefited students, families and other members.

### **Personal Achievement**

A description of the nominee’s personal and/or professional goals; what they have done or are doing to meet these goals; how his/her growth and goals benefit students, members and/or the community; advice they would give to a colleague entering the profession.

### **Enhancement of ESP Image**

Details of how the nominee’s activities have enhanced the image of ESP at the worksite, in the association and in the community.



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1. Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Local Association \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Responses to questions 2-4 may be handwritten or typed and attached to the nomination form.

2. Describe the nominee's contribution to the learning environment of the school or the working conditions for employees beyond the daily routine of activities and job responsibilities.

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3. What specific group(s) within the school community are effected by the actions of the nominee?

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4. Thoroughly describe the contributions to the local association, support of fellow employees, and/or the student population.

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List the names, positions and phone numbers of at least two people who are willing to be contacted as references about the nominee.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee's local association president \_\_\_\_\_

This nominee is and has been a member of AEA for three years in good standing.

Signature of local president \_\_\_\_\_

## DEADLINE: MARCH 1

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