

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY NOMINATION FORM: AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Each local affiliate may nominate one member, using a selection process of the local's choosing. Nominations must include a data sheet (*found on the following page*) signed by the local president indicating NSEA and NEA membership and include the local president's letter of nomination.

The following documents also need to be submitted and are all to be typed using a 12 pt. or larger font, have 1" or larger margins on all sides and be double-spaced. Other specifics to each document are noted:

- Resume (*2 pages maximum, use narrative, bulleted lists, or both*);
- Up to three letters of endorsement (*2 pages each*); and
- A detailed statement from the nominee (*3,400 words*).

The Nominee's statement should include examples to illustrate the following five criteria areas:

1. Professional Practice;
2. Advocacy for the Association;
3. Community Engagement;
4. Leadership in Professional Development; and
5. Attention to Diversity.

The statement should include specific examples to illustrate all five of the award criteria. The questions below do not need to be copied verbatim into the text. However, nominees are strongly encouraged to include headings or keywords related to the criteria.

1. What are the most successful innovations that you have introduced in your classroom or school? What strategies or methods do you use to ensure that all students achieve at a high level? How do you act as an instructional leader?
2. How has your involvement in the National Education Association or NEA affiliate(s) contributed to your success as an educator? How would you persuade a new colleague to join or become more active in the association? In what other ways do you serve as an advocate for the profession and for public education?
3. What community resources do you bring to the classroom to enhance your lessons and student achievement? What service learning projects have you conducted with your students to benefit the community?
4. What experiences or activities have been most beneficial to your professional knowledge, skills, and practice? How have you contributed to the professional development of your colleagues? How has your professional growth made a difference for your school or university, your students, and your community? Include examples from your experiences.
5. How do you address issues of diversity in your curriculum and instruction and in other interactions with students? What is the result of such efforts? How does your approach to diversity affect your work?
6. If you have not already done so, tell a story about how your approach to teaching made a difference for a student or a group of students.
7. What advice would you give someone entering the profession on how to attain teaching excellence?

The NSEA Teaching Excellence Award winner will need to submit additional materials to qualify for the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and will receive travel expenses to the NEA ceremonies in Washington, D.C., in February 2027.

All nomination materials must be received at NSEA by Friday, Feb. 6, 2026. All nominees will be vetted by the NSEA prior to consideration.

Mail nominations to:
NSEA Award for Teaching Excellence
605 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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DATA SHEET

Complete and return this data sheet with the nominee's statement, local president's letter of nomination, resume, and up to three letters of endorsement. This form is for NSEA use only and is not a part of the NEA nomination form.

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For notification that the nomination was received, check the box below and provide an email address that we may send a confirmation.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

NAME OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: _____

NAME OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

LOCAL ASSOCIATION: _____

NSEA DISTRICT: _____

REQUEST EMAIL CONFIRMATION? YES NO

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICER: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

SCHOOL/INSTITUTION: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WORK TITLE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

FOR TEACHERS, WHAT DO YOU TEACH?

SUBJECT: _____

GRADE: _____

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