

2017
ESP of The Year

*Education Support
Professionals*



Nomination Form

Illinois Education Association
*Education Support Professionals
of The Year*

1996	NANCY KALLENBACH
1997	CHUCK VOLKER
1998	CONNIE HELM
1999	SHIRLEY PARKS
2000	VICKIJO ALMGREEN
2001	MAX BOCHMANN
2002	CAROLYN TALLEY
2003	DAVE ARNOLD
* 2004	KATHIE LANGE
2005	JOHN PIECHOCINSKI
2006	JESSYE SKORICH
2007	KATHY JESUIT
2008	JOYCE SEVARINO
2009	CARL CHAPMAN
2010	IRMA LOTT
2011	CINDY MITCHELL
2012	SHEILA HEALY
2013	ALEX WALLACE
2014	KAREN WESTERMAN
2015	INDIA JONES
2016	NANCY STAHLHUT
* 2005	Kathie Lange was NEA-ESP Of The Year

NOMINATION FORM

2017 ESP AWARD APPLICATION

Please provide written responses to the following questions

Professional Practice: Describe the worksite responsibilities and personal achievements the nominee has made in his/her classification or field. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, creativity and innovation at the worksite? How has the nominee's professional growth made a difference for the school and the students?

Advocacy and Association Involvement: In what ways does the nominee serve as an advocate in the day-to-day educational process, for members, for the profession and for public education? How has the nominee's involvement in the Illinois Education Association and Local Association contributed to his/her success as a professional?



Community Engagement: Specify in detail how the nominee has been involved in promoting public education in the community. In what other ways is the nominee involved in community activities/projects?

Personal Achievement: How has involvement in Association and community activities enabled the nominee to meet his/her own personal goals?

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

NOTE: If needed, please attach additional pages for answers.

IEA-NEA ESP Award

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize an Education Support Professional who has shown outstanding accomplishments in the following areas:

- Involvement in his/her local, state and/or national association.
- Achievements in his/her professional classification.
- In promoting public education in the community.
- Enhancement of the image of education support professional in the Association, the work site or the community.

Criteria

The ESP nominees for this award must currently be an IEA-ESP member, must maintain membership during the process including if selected and have been an IEA-ESP member for three (3) years as of November 1st.

ESPs must be nominated by his/her Local Association President, Leadership within the nominee's local IEA office or by a member of the IEA Board of Directors.

Selection of Award

The selection committee will be the IEA-ESP Council. All nominations received by IEA on the official nomination form will be checked to insure that it meets all requirements of eligibility.

Recognition of Award

- The award will be presented to the recipient at the annual IEA Representative Assembly.
- The recipient will receive recognition at the IEA One Conference.
- The IEA-ESP Of The Year recipient will become the nominee from the Illinois Education Association for NEA-ESP of the Year Award and will receive from NEA an expense paid trip to the annual NEA ESP Conference, as long as the nominee continues to meet all the eligibility criteria stated in this application form and meets the criteria of the NEA ESP Award.

Nomination Procedure

To insure the widest possible participation, the nomination procedure for the ESP of the Year Award shall be as follows:

- Each local association affiliate can submit one nominee through their local president. Only one member from a local may be nominated.
- If more than one members from a local is nominated, then the local shall choose which of its member's nomination shall be considered for the award.
- ESPs must be nominated by his/her Local Association President, Leadership within the nominee's local IEA office or by a member of the IEA Board of Directors.
- Only one application per individual will be accepted. (If multiple applications for the same individual are received, application eligibility will be determined by the earliest postmark received.)
- **All nominations *must* be postmarked by January 16, 2017.**
- Members of the ESP Council and alternates are not eligible for this award.

History of ESPs

Today, IEA-ESP membership is approaching 30,000 (including fee payers). IEA-ESP members are actively involved in the association at the local, state and national levels, in their community organizations, and in school restructuring efforts — as partners with their teacher and administrative colleagues.

The ESP of the Year Award

The 1995 IEA Representative Assembly approved this special annual award. This award is meant to further emphasize the contributions of Education Support Professionals to their association, schools and communities.

NOMINATION FORM

2017 ESP Award Application

Please complete this form and provide a nomination statement of 100 words or less per each of the five (5) questions.

IMPORTANT: Only one members from a local may be nominated. If more than one member from a local is nominated, then the local shall choose which of its member's nomination shall be considered for the award. The individual signing this nomination form must be the Local Association President of the nominee's local, Leadership within the nominee's local IEA office or a member of the IEA Board of Directors.

I thereby nominate the following ESP to receive the **2017 IEA-ESP of the Year Award** to be presented at the 2017 IEA Representative Assembly.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Nominee _____ / _____
(Must be a current IEA-ESP Member for the past 3 years) Phone Number

Region Council Number _____ Local Association _____

Nominee's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominator _____
(ESPs must be nominated by his/her Local Association President, Leadership within the nominee's local IEA office or by a member of the IEA Board of Directors.)

SIGNATURE _____

Region or Local Affiliation _____

Nominator's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (work) _____ / _____ (home) _____ / _____

Nominator E-mail Address _____

NOTE: All nominations submitted to IEA will be evaluated by the ESP of the Year Award Committee on the basis of the criteria stated on this application form.

Mail this form with any applications to:

**Cathy Wyzykowski, UniServ/ESP Director
Illinois Education Association-NEA
2250 Point Boulevard, Suite 400
Elgin, IL 60123**

**Nominations must be postmarked no later than January 16, 2017.
For further information, call 847-241-2805**