OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

OEA Education Support Professional Award

2012–2013 Application Form

Some years ago, support staff were not members of the Ohio Education Association. Today, OEA Education Support Professional members are actively involved in the Association, in bargaining, political action, community organizing, and school restructuring efforts, as partners with their teacher colleagues.

Once a year, OEA/NEA members join school districts and communities on National Education Support Professional Day to honor the many dedicated education support staff around the nation. The OEA Executive Committee approved a special annual honor, the OEA Education Support Professional Award, to further emphasize the contributions of education support professionals to their schools, communities, and all education workers.

OEA will present the Education Support Professional Award to an OEA member whose activities reflect the contributions of education support professionals to public education. Nominations may be submitted by any member and/or affiliate of the Ohio Education Association. **Current members of the OEA Board of Directors and the Professional Efficacy Core Function Committee are not eligible for this award. In addition, members of the Professional Efficacy Core Function Committee are not eligible for two years after completion of service on the committee to apply or be nominated.**

The award will be presented at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly and the OEA Awards Banquet in Columbus. For additional information, please contact OEA Program Delivery at

1-800-282-1500 (local calls: 614/227-3078)

NOTE: The completed official application form for the Education Support Professional Award must be postmarked on or before the deadline:

July 15, 2012

All applicants will receive a letter acknowledging receipt of his/her application. The finalists will receive an interview letter.

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Nomination Form

Criteria

The purpose of the OEA Education Support Professional Award is to recognize an individual who shows outstanding accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

- **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 his/her professional growth made a difference for the school, the students, and community?
- **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 Ohio Education Association or OEA affiliate(s) contributed to his/her success as a professional? How would he/she persuade a new colleague to join or become more active in the Association?
- **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? What advice would the nominee give to someone entering the profession?
- **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.
- Individual must have been an OEA member for three years as of July 15 of the award year.

ESP Award Nomination Procedure

1. The screening committee will be the OEA Awards Committee. The Committee's recommendation for the OEA ESP Award will be forwarded to the OEA Board of Directors for consideration and approval.
2. The recipient of the OEA ESP Award will automatically be nominated for the NEA ESP Award.
3. The recipient of the OEA ESP Award will be honored at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly and at the OEA Awards Banquet.

Please type or print. (This form may be reproduced locally.)

Nominator (Please print) _____

Nominator's Signature _____Membership No._____

Local Association _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Home E-mail Address_____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Brief description of nominee: I hereby nominate the following person to receive the 2012-2013 OEA ESP Award:

Nominee_____ Membership No._____

Local Association_____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Home E-mail Address_____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Local President's Name _____

I acknowledge that this applicant is a member of this local association.

Local President or Vice-President Signature_____

Please give reasons for nomination and the qualifications of the nominee in 100 words or less. You may also attach supporting documents to substantiate your nomination.

NOTE: All nominations submitted to OEA will be evaluated on the basis of criteria stated on this application form.

Mail this form and any attachments by the deadline:

July 15, 2012

Send form to:

Awards Committee, ESP Award
Ohio Education Association
P.O. Box 2550
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Why do you feel this individual member should receive this award? Please give specific examples of the contributions and activities of the education support professional member to his/her schools, communities and to education workers (include dates, news clippings, letters of endorsement, etc.).

Thank you for your nomination.

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