



OEA
Education
Support
Professional
Award

2018-2019 Application Form

Education Support Professional Award Checklist

Your application must be postmarked or received at OEA Headquarters by January 19, 2018. **Only complete applications will be considered.** Please read the application carefully and be sure that you meet the criteria for this award.

Checklist to Be Completed

- Yes, I am a unified member of the Ohio Education Association/NEA for 2017-2018.
- I have read this application and I believe that I meet all of the criteria for this award
- I have signed this completed application.
- My application includes my local President's or Vice President's signature.
- My application includes one letter of recommendation.
- My application includes my typed narrative statement of 500 words or less.

Encouraged but not required...

- My application includes additional information or evidence that will assist the committee in their decision process. Supporting documents may include but are not limited to printed articles, awards, recognitions, brochures, agendas, correspondence, websites, photos, etc.

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Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Some years ago, education support professionals 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 education 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 professionals around the nation. The OEA Board of Directors 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.

The award will be presented at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly as well as the OEA Awards Banquet in Columbus. For additional information, please contact OEA Education Policy, Research and Member Advocacy Department at:

1-800-282-1500 ext. 3078 (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:

January 19, 2018

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

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2018-2019 Award Application**
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 the 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 29 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 qualifies as the OEA's nominee 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 **2017-2018** 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:

January 19, 2018

Send form to:

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

