



Looking for a way to spotlight a special person's accomplishments while generating goodwill for your Association? You might consider taking part in one of ISEA's major awards programs which recognize outstanding achievement by students, Association members, school administrators, and citizens.



## Friend of Education Award

Education is a total community effort. The ISEA Friend of Education Award honors all citizens who give their time and energy, but pays special tribute to one individual or group who has made a significant contribution to education. Nominations shall be submitted by affiliated local associations, UniServ units, or individual members of the Association to the ISEA Communications Department no later than January 15.

The ISEA Friend of Education selection committee consisting of the ISEA President, Vice President, and Executive Director shall review the nominations and select the recipient. The ISEA Executive Board shall approve the Award. To fairly evaluate all nominations for this award, comparable information is needed for all candidates. Please provide typewritten information for the following:

- A statement describing the most outstanding educational contribution made by the nominee.
- A listing of all areas or ways the nominee has contributed to improving educational opportunities for students (include length of involvement for each area if applicable—i.e. developing programs for gifted and talented students, 3 years; or summer school programs, 5 years).
- Describe whether the contribution made by the nominee was within the nominee's regular job and whether the nominee was involved in the planning and implementation of their area of contribution.

- Outline the scope of the nominee's contributions (how many students and buildings were impacted, was the contribution for one year or is it ongoing?).
- List the contributions provided by the nominee that resulted in better educational opportunities for children (i.e. new or expanded programs, opportunities provided not available through other sources).
- Provide any additional information on why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Friend of Education Award.

### *Eligibility Requirements*

1. Only citizens or groups *not* currently employed by an education agency can be considered for the ISEA Friend of Education Award. School employees are not eligible for consideration.
2. Nominees for the Friend of Education Award should be individuals or groups of who have made a significant contribution to the support of programs and activities resulting in better educational opportunities for children.
3. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the nominee(s) should be included with the nomination.
4. The ISEA Friend of Education Award will be presented in the home community of the winning nominee by an ISEA officer at a time and place mutually agreeable to the ISEA and the local association.
5. Public announcement of the Friend of Education selection will be made by the ISEA after notification and consultation with local association officials.

***Deadline for nominations: January 15.***



## Charles F. Martin Award for Association Leadership

The prestigious Charles F. Martin Award has been presented annually since 1972 as ISEA's top honor to a member who has made a significant contribution to the teaching profession through Association involvement. It's named in honor of the late Charles F. Martin who served as ISEA president in 1945 and then as executive director from 1946 to 1961. Any ISEA member, local association, or UniServ unit may submit a nomination.

In order to help the selection committee (made up of the ISEA president, vice president, and executive director) fairly evaluate all nominations for this award, comparable information is needed for all candidates. Please provide typewritten information for the following:

- Number of years of service to education in Iowa through association activities.
- Current association position.
- A listing of the candidate's association activities (local, UniServ, state, and national levels), educational background, and teaching experience.
- Letters of recommendation from association members, co-workers, and others who are familiar with the nominee's association and educational activities.

### *Eligibility Requirements*

1. Only ISEA members who have been involved in leadership and who have provided support of Association activities for at least ten years are eligible.
2. Nominees must be currently employed as educators in Iowa.
3. Current ISEA Executive Board members are not eligible during their terms of office unless retiring from the profession.

***Deadline for nominations: January 15.***



## The Paul Mann Memorial Human Relations Award

The Paul Mann Memorial Human Relations Award honors an individual or group for exemplary contributions toward the advancement of human and civil rights. This program is designed to accomplish the following goals:

- To recognize contributions of individuals and/or groups, while encouraging others in their human and civil rights efforts, and

- To foster development of programs for the advancement and protection of human and civil rights among ISEA members.

In order to help the Multicultural Committee fairly evaluate all nominations for this award, comparable information is needed for all candidates. Please provide two references and a written summary with supporting artifacts to show the nominee has demonstrated effectiveness in at least two of the following human relations areas:

- A. Established or improved an effective human relations program in a school district or building, area education agency, area community college, or four-year institution of higher education.
- B. Promoted multi-ethnic educational opportunity:
  1. Helped to bring about improved inter-group and intra-group relations and understandings.
  2. Promoted quality in educational opportunity for minority children.
  3. Promoted the inclusion of human relations training for educators in in-service and pre-service programs.
  4. Designed and initiated plans to identify and encourage the use of effective multi-ethnic teaching materials in the area of human rights.
- C. Demonstrated creative leadership in women's rights:
  1. Worked to gain for women a greater voice in educational policy and decision making.
  2. Helped to eliminate sex-role stereotyping within school curriculum.
  3. Worked to improve the economic situation and job opportunities for women in the educational community or community in general.
- D. Contributed significant leadership in eliminating discrimination against, and providing increased opportunity for, persons with disabilities.
- E. Advanced educators' rights and worked to involve the community:
  1. Helped protect and advance the human and civil rights of educators.
  2. Worked to eradicate discrimination in the education profession.
  3. Established program(s) that provide for real community involvement and created in the community a feeling of investment and responsibility for the operation of the schools.
  4. Designed and carried out project(s) to inform the public about what human rights are and how they can be secured.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Any Association member, other educator, school district or group, or member of the general public is eligible to receive this award. Members of the ISEA Executive Board and Multicultural Committee are not eligible during their terms or appointments unless retiring from the profession. Nominations may be submitted by local associations or by individuals working through their local association officers. Nominations may be considered for one of the NEA Human and Civil Rights Awards.

**Deadline for nominations: January 15.**



## **Education Support Professional (ESP) Award**

The ESP Award was established to recognize contributions by an active ESP member for their efforts to advance the ISEA and ESP activities within the Association 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 the nominee's 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 Association work (local, ISEA and/or NEA) contributed to his/her success as a professional? How would the nominee 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 Educational Support Professionals at the worksite, in the Association, and in the community.

All nominations submitted to ISEA will be evaluated on the basis of criteria stated above. The selection committee consists of members of the ISEA ESP Committee. Selection

Committee members rate nominees on a scale of 1 to 5 for each criterion, where 1 represents minimal evidence of the criterion, and 5 represents very strong evidence of the criterion. The ISEA President presents their recommendation to the ISEA Executive Board for consideration and approval.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

The nominee must be a member of the ISEA. Members of the ISEA Executive Board and members of the Education Support Professionals Committee are not eligible during their terms or appointments, unless retiring from the profession. Nominations may be submitted by local associations or by individuals working through their local association officers.

**Deadline for nominations: January 15.**



## **Beacon Award for Local Association Excellence**

This award is designed to honor local associations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and activity in the areas of communications, community involvement, advocacy, and programs. Any ISEA local association is eligible to be nominated. A special committee appointed by the ISEA president will review the nominations and select the recipients.

Please provide printed summaries as well as supporting documents or artifacts as appropriate to demonstrate the local association's activities in the following areas:

- **Communications:** The local association has a regular system for keeping members informed.
- **Community involvement:** The local association undertakes activities to generate goodwill, build support for local schools, and increase its visibility in the community.
- **Advocacy:** The local association advocates on behalf of the needs of members and students.
- **Programs:** The local association and its members are actively engaged in programs and activities that meet members' needs and help the Association achieve its goals.

**Deadline for nominations: January 15.**



## **TEAM Award**

Established in 1990, the TEAM award (Together, Educators and Administrators Make it Happen) is designed to honor a school administrator who has worked to create a collaborative, collegial working environment for all staff in a school building or district.

In order to help the selection committee (made up of

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the ISEA president, vice president, and executive director) fairly evaluate all nominations for this award, comparable information is needed for all candidates. Please provide typewritten information for the following:

- The full name, position, and mailing address of the candidate as well as the name and address of the individual and local association making the nomination.
- A statement describing how the nominee has worked to create a collaborative, collegial working environment in a school building or school district and the time frame during which this working environment has been created.
- A recent “head and shoulders” photo.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements***

Any school administrator, current or retired, is eligible to receive this award. Nominations may be submitted by local associations or by individuals working through their local association officers.

***Deadline for nominations: January 15.***



## **H.O. Maxey Community Service Award**

**H.O.** Maxey was an educator and long-time leader in ISEA. He believed the Association should give back to the communities we serve and, to demonstrate that, started food bank drives at the NEA Representative Assembly and ISEA Delegate Assembly. To continue H.O.’s efforts and recognize local associations that give back to their communities, the H.O. Maxey Community Spirit Award was established by the Executive Board in 2009.

The ISEA President and Executive Director will review the nominations and select the H.O. Maxey Community Spirit Award winners. Awards will be presented at the annual ISEA Summer Conference. Please provide printed summaries as well as supporting documents or exhibits that demonstrate the following:

- The local association organized and/or participated in community events that helped to build support for public schools by putting members on the front line with other community leaders and volunteers.

(Appropriate activities would include various health walks and vigils; Habitat for Humanity projects; Toys for Tots; food drives or community dinners; flood-relief efforts, helping a new teacher move; clothing drives; and other similar endeavors.)

- The local association took a leadership role by partnering with other groups or agencies to organize an event; financially sponsoring or co-sponsoring particular events or activities; or both.
- The local association demonstrated length of service—participation in a single event or activity that occurs on an annual basis; or participation in different events is an annual focus for the association.
- Demonstrated breadth of involvement by having different members participating in the community events or activities.

Association participation in a single community event or multiple events may be given consideration.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements***

Any local association is eligible to nominate itself or be nominated by another individual or association, using the ISEA Annual Awards Program Nomination Form cover sheet.

***Deadline for nominations: June 1. \*\****

***\*\* Please note this is the only award with a deadline of June 1!***

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