



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2016-17 GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any educators nominated for this award must **meet all of the following requirements:**

- Be an **exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities **or educational services professional** (see below for list of eligible certification areas)
- Must have achieved a 2015-16 **summative rating of at least Effective**; If the teacher or educational services professional has not received a 2015-16 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least Effective or the equivalent
- Be a dedicated and skilled leader who **anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years**
- **Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn**
- **Actively collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success**
- Demonstrate **leadership and innovation in educational activities** at the school, district, and/or state and national level that take place both within or outside the school setting
- Have the **respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues**
- Demonstrate **poise, eloquence, and the ability to maintain a demanding schedule**
- **Have not earned the title** of school-level Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional of the Year **for the past five (5) years**

Eligible Enrollment Areas for Educational Services Professionals and Others as Listed

In order to compete for the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Basic Skills Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator / Hazardous Occupations
- Director of School Counseling Services / Child Study Team
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance/School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Library Media Specialist
- Paraprofessional (*Instructional*)
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-Instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Student Assistance Coordinator



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NOMINATION FORM

Do you know a **classroom teacher or educational services professional** who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to the building principal by **DECEMBER 16, 2016.**

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Inspires inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way;
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
CURRENT POSITION	
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
NAME	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE	
NOMINATION	
<p><i>Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. The more compelling the response, the better. Therefore, please use as much space as needed below as the form will expand when you type on it. If you would like, you could attach your response separately to this form.</i></p>	