

## NEA Retired Distinguished Service Award

The NEA Retired Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor that can be given to a retiree in recognition of their contributions to public education and their communities, including: political action, community organizing, mentoring, and volunteering to help meet educator and community needs.

### Award Criteria:

- The nominee must have been a NEA Retired member for five (5) consecutive years as of January 15 of the award year.
- The nominee must embody the outstanding service in any or all of the following:
  - Involvement in the community
  - Involvement in the Association (national, state and/or local)
  - Enhancement of retirees' image in the Association and public education.
- Retired state affiliates may submit one nominee application, and Retired locals may submit one nominee application to a Retired state organization.
- All nominations must be postmarked by April 15 of the award year, and submitted materials will not be returned.

### Required Documents:

All documents must be clear and easy to read, i.e., printed or typed.

1. **Nomination Form**, which must be completed and signed by the State Association NEA Retired President/State Retired contact;
2. **Letter** from the nominee's State NEA Retired President/State Retired Contact; and
3. **Two letters of support** (one must be from a community source), no more than two pages in length. Each letter should describe how the nominee:
  - Enhances the image of NEA Retired as both an Active member and as a Retired member through activities and Association involvement; and
  - Is involved in promoting public education in the community.

### Selection of the Award

Each nomination will be checked to ensure that it meets eligibility requirements. The NEA Retired President will determine the decision-making process.

# NEA RETIRED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

**IMPORTANT: Only one nomination per state will be accepted. The individual signing this form must be the State NEA Retired President or State Retired contact. Postmark deadline: April 15.**

## NOMINEE:

Date of Submission:
Nominee:
Home Address:
Year Retired:
State and/or Local Affiliate:
Phone: (Home) (Cell):
E-Mail Address:

## SUBMITTED BY:

State NEA Retired President or State Retired Contact:
State or Local Association:
Home Address:
Phone: (Home) (Cell):
E-Mail Address:
Signature & Date:

## Mail completed applications to:

NEA Retired Distinguished Service Award  
Center for Governance  
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