



## **PURPOSE**

The NEA Board of Directors created the Friend of Education Award as an annual recognition of a person, organization or group whose leadership, acts, and support have contributed to the improvement of American education on a national level. Past recipients include U.S. Presidents, a Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Education, a Supreme Court Justice, U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governors, educators, civil rights leaders, a journalist, author, and an athlete.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

A duly nominated individual, organization or group shall have exhibited leadership, acts, and support of education on a national level that establish the nominee as a true friend of education, education employees, or students. A nominee need not be an American citizen but should reflect philosophies and principles compatible with NEA's. A nominee, if eligible, must hold NEA Active membership.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Any member of the National Education Association or any local or state affiliate of NEA may nominate an individual, organization or group to the Friend of Education Award Committee by completing a nomination form and submitting it to the NEA by April 2, 2012. Non-members are not eligible as nominators.

## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENT**

The Friend of Education Award Committee, composed of five members of the NEA Board of Directors, will review each duly submitted nomination and recommend a recipient to the NEA Board of Directors for approval.

## **PRESENTATION**

Presentation of the Friend of Education Award is a scheduled event at the annual Representative Assembly. The presentation is made to the award recipient by the NEA President.

## **NOMINATING DEADLINE**

The deadline for receiving nominations for the 2012 NEA Friend of Education Award is April 2, 2012. Nominations must be signed and include proof of the nominator's NEA membership or affiliation. Completed nomination forms, together with all accompanying materials, should be sent to the Friend of Education Award Committee, NEA Executive Office, Attn: Christopher Thomas, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.



## 2012 NOMINATION FORM

I hereby submit the name of the following person or organization in nomination for the 2012 Friend of Education Award to be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the National Education Association.

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position and/or Organizational Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

In no more than 100 words indicate the reasons for your nomination and summarize the nominee's qualifications for the award. Documents and other materials supporting your nomination may be submitted with this nomination form.

Nominations submitted for the Friend of Education Award will be evaluated on the basis of award criteria: leadership, acts, and support of education on a national level that establish the nominee as a true friend of education, education employees, or students.

**Nominating member or affiliate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of nominator or affiliate officer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of local affiliate, if member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

If nominator is a member, check if proof of membership is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form, with any attachments, to NEA Friend of Education Award Committee, Executive Office, 1201 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, Attn: Christopher Thomas. The deadline for receipt of the nomination form is April 2, 2012.**



FRIEND OF EDUCATION  
AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Year Recipient**

1972 Lyndon B. Johnson  
1973 Abraham A. Ribicoff  
1974 Carl D. Perkins  
1975 Terry Sanford  
1976 Roy Wilkins  
1977 Hubert H. Humphrey  
1978 Joan Ganz Cooney  
1979 Thurgood Marshall  
1980 Jimmy Carter  
1981 George McGovern  
1982 Arthur S. Flemming  
1983 Frosty Troy  
1984 Robert T. Stafford  
1985 Barbara Parker  
1986 Christa McAuliffe  
1987 Ernest Boyer  
1988 Augustus F. Hawkins  
1989 Mary Hatwood Futrell  
1990 Claiborne Pell  
1991 Alan Page

**Year Recipient**

1992 Jonathan Kozol  
1993 John S. Hendricks  
1994 David Berliner  
1995 Richard W. Riley  
1996 William Jefferson Clinton  
1997 James B. Hunt  
1998 Zell Miller  
1999 Hillary Rodham Clinton  
2000 Edward M. Kennedy  
2001 Morris Dees  
2002 James Jeffords  
2003 Paul Wellstone  
2004 Marian Wright Edelman  
2005 Cheryl Brown Henderson  
2006 The Tom Joyner Foundation  
2007 Nancy Pelosi  
2008 Barbara Morgan  
2009 Linda Darling-Hammond  
2010 Diane Ravitch  
2011 The "Wisconsin 14"