

TSTA RONNIE RAY ESP ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINATION DEADLINE:

Must Be Received by TSTA: 2nd Monday in February

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Purpose: The **TSTA Ronnie Ray ESP Advocate of the Year Award** recognizes the contributions of Education Support Professionals to their schools, communities, and profession. The award is presented annually to one TSTA/NEA member who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments and reflects the contributions of ESP's to public education.

Each region must select a region winner from local submissions. Region submissions must follow the guidelines outlined below. Region submissions must be received at the TSTA Center for Executive and Governance no later than 5:00 pm, the second Monday in February.

Award: The individual selected to receive the **TSTA Ronnie Ray ESP Advocate of the Year Award** will be presented the award at TSTA's annual convention. The individual selected will also become the TSTA nominee for the **NEA ESP of the Year Award**. Thus, the nomination form follows the NEA format. The TSTA Ronnie Ray ESP Advocate of the Year winner will complete the extended version of the award nomination for the NEA ESP of the Year Award.

Eligibility: Nominees must have been a TSTA member for **three years** as of January 15 of the award year. Individuals may be nominated by a TSTA Region. Only one application per Region is permitted.

CRITERIA: USE THE QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW AS A GUIDE IN ORDER TO ASSIST COMPLETING NOMINATION.

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 and the students?

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 National Education Association or NEA affiliate(s) 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? **Identify the community project(s) the nominee, if selected for the national award, will select to receive one-half of the monetary award and indicate why the project(s) was selected.**

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.

**Contents of
Nomination:**

Nomination packages must include all of the materials listed below, in the specified order.
Nominations that do not conform to these specifications may be disqualified.

(1) Data Sheet - Requests contact information for the region/local affiliate, the nominee, and the nominee's local affiliate. The data sheet is at the end of this application.

(2) Nomination Letter - Addresses the award criteria outlined above, citing as many specific examples as possible. Limit to no more than 2 pages. This letter can be completed by local or region president.

(3) Nominee's Statement - Must include specific examples to illustrate the award criteria outlined above. Limit to no more than 2 pages. This letter is written by the nominee.

(3) Résumé (optional) - Provides a brief, factual overview of the nominee's career, including positions held, degrees attained, honors received, etc. The résumé may also describe personal achievements or activities that are not noted elsewhere.

Send your nomination package to: CEG Attn: Crystal Carpenter

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