

Friend of Education

- Presented to one individual or group outside of the Association or the field of education.
- Honors exemplary service to education, the Association, children, and the community.

Business Friend of Education

- Presented to one business entity or organization honoree outside of the Association or the field of education.
- Honors exemplary action or commitment to public education in New Mexico.

Parental Involvement

- Presented to one parent(s) or person(s) serving as a parent.
- Recognizes and honors the role parents play in the education of their children through involvement in the education process.



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National Education Association New Mexico

Hall of Fame & Special Recognition Awards

- Advocate of the Year •
- Education Support Professional of the Year •
- Human and Civil Rights •
- New Mexico Teaching Excellence •
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The Awards

The NEA-New Mexico Recognition Committee and Board of Directors honor our selected recipients on an annual basis for NEA-New Mexico Hall of Fame and Special Recognition Awards. We wish to promote these awards and hope you can identify possible recipients in your local that would fit the criteria of the awards.

Within this brochure is a brief description of the individual awards to help you think of nominees you feel are deserving of some special recognition. Please share with your colleagues and submit nominations to your local president or region chair. Nomination forms are located at www.nea-nm.org. Click on the "Local Leaders Information" link to the left. Forms are located under "Awards."

These awards include:

- Advocate of the Year
- Education Support Professional of the Year
- Human and Civil Rights
- New Mexico Teaching Excellence
- Hall of Fame
- Friend of Education
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- Parental Involvement

Advocate of the Year

- Honors members who have shown exemplary program delivery in an NEA-New Mexico program area (i.e. education issues, communications, political action, employee rights, etc.).

- NEA-New Mexico will reimburse the honoree's state membership dues for the upcoming year.



The 2009 Hall of Fame Recipients

- This Award is presented to one member who is a current active member of NEA-NM at the time of nomination.
- The Board of Directors will choose from the region award recipients.

ESP of the Year

- Honors members who have shown exemplary service to education, the Association, children, and the community.
- The NEA-New Mexico awardee will be nominated for NEA ESP of the Year the following school year. *In the event the nominee no longer qualifies for active ESP membership, the Board of Directors will select an alternate to submit for the NEA ESP of the Year Award.*
- NEA-New Mexico will reimburse the honoree's state membership dues for the upcoming year.
- This Award shall be presented to one member who is a current active ESP member of NEA-NM and has been presented an ESP of the Year Award at the region level.

Human & Civil Rights

- Recognizes an active member who advocates for equal opportunities for all students.
- State or Region nominees may be submitted to NEA for recognition through the NEA Human and Civil Rights program in the appropriate category.

- A donation of \$250.00 will be made by NEA-New Mexico in the name of the honoree to a local, state or national organization/program of the honoree's choice. The recipient shall be a promoter of Human and Civil Rights and a supporter of NEA's core values.

- This Award shall be presented to one member who is a current active member of NEA-NM at the time of nomination.

- The Board of Directors will choose from the region award recipients.

NM Teaching Excellence Award/ The NEA Foundation Award

- Honors members who have shown exemplary service to education, the Association, children, and the community.
- Nominees must be active members for a minimum of three years.
- An honoree from each region will be selected and receive a \$250 cash award.
- The state awardee will receive a check for \$1,000 and will be nominated for The NEA Foundation Award.
- This Award is presented to a current, active member of NEA-New Mexico who will be presented the same award at the region level.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame is a prestigious award presented to NEA-New Mexico members who have been retired for a minimum of 2 years, have served and worked for the good of the organization, and public education in New Mexico. A special Hall of Fame Reception is held preceding the Annual Delegate Council.