



New Jersey  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
2014-15 GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be a **licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12) **or educational services professional** (see below for list of eligible certification areas) in a public or charter school
- Must have achieved a 2013-14 **summative rating of at least Effective**; If the teacher or educational services professional has not received a 2013-14 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least Effective or the equivalent;
- Be a dedicated and skilled teacher leader who **anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years**
- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities** to learn
- Demonstrate strong ability to foster excellence in education as evidenced by **ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment**
- Demonstrate **leadership 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 Teacher of the Year for the past five (5) years**
- Teacher nominees only:* Have **teaching as their primary responsibility** rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities

### Eligible Certification Areas for Educational Services Professionals

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

- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator / Hazardous Occupations
- Director of School Counseling Services
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Reading Specialist
- School Athletic Trainer
- School Counselor
- School Library Media Specialist
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-Instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Student Assistance Coordinator



### A. NOMINATION FORM

Do you know a **classroom teacher or educational services professional** who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the lives of all students? If so, please take the time to recommend this person 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 INSERT DEADLINE HERE**

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Anticipate actively continuing in his/her teaching status for at least five more years;
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and
- Demonstrate a strong ability to foster excellence in education as evidenced by ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment.

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>	