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ESP OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

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Dear ACEA Member,

ACEA is a proud participant in the NEA Educational Support Professional of the Year program. Each year, we encourage our members to nominate a fellow member for this honor. Included in this group are most secretaries, instructional assistants, and technicians. These colleagues support the educational success of our students every day in many ways. A nomination form can be found on the opposite page, which members can complete and return to the ACEA office if they wish to nominate an ESP to be selected for this honor.

Nominations for ESP of the Year will be received at the ACEA office through February 27, 2026.

Once received, Dianne Erickson, our administrative assistant, will verify membership and type up the nomination information, assigning the nominee a letter and excluding the name and school of the nominee and nominator. The selection committee will then meet in March to read the nomination forms and select the "letter" for the ACEA ESP of the year. Dianne will then reveal the name of the selected person. The selected individual will be announced no later than the April RA.

The nominee does not need to know whether he or she was nominated and does not have to approve of the nomination.

If the ACEA ESP of the Year wishes to compete for the MSEA ESP of the Year, we will assist him or her with completing the forms to be sent to MSEA.

The ACEA Education Support Professional (ESP) of the year award recognizes the contributions of ESP's to their schools, communities, and their profession. The award is presented to a member of ACEA who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments and reflects the contributions of ESP's to public education.

In service and solidarity,

2026 ACEA ESP of the Year

Work Location: _____ **Position Title:** _____

Professional Practice – Include school responsibilities and professional achievements the nominee has made in his or her field; include examples of leadership, creativity, and innovation in making a difference for students and the school.

Please complete this form (typed or written) including extra pages if you need more room than is provided below.

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Dianne Erickson, ACEA Administrative Assistant, via courier, USPS at the mailing address on the letterhead side, or as an attachment through email to *derickson@mseaneq.org*.