



Washoe Education Association 2025 Awards

Devoted Service Award

To be a candidate for this award, an individual must have been serving as a devoted educator, counselor, school nurse, or other certified position for **20 or more years**. The nominee must have five or more years of experience in Washoe County before their name is submitted for consideration. Licensed personnel who are members of WEA are eligible to be nominated for this award.

Three letters of recommendation are required for each nominee. At least one letter must be from an administrator acting in a supervisor role to the nominee.

Dedicated Service Award

To be a candidate for this award, an individual must have been serving as a dedicated educator, counselor, school nurse, or other certified position for **10 or more years**. The nominee must have five or more years of experience in Washoe County before their name is submitted for consideration. Licensed personnel who are members of WEA are eligible to be nominated for this award.

Three letters of recommendation are required for each nominee. At least one letter must be from an administrator acting in a supervisor role to the nominee.

Distinguished Performance Award

To be a candidate for this award, an individual must stand out as a distinguished educator, counselor, school nurse, or other certified position who has done an exemplary job in their field for **5 or more years**. The nominee must have five or more years of experience in Washoe County before their name is submitted for consideration. Licensed personnel who are members of WEA are eligible to be nominated for this award.

Three letters of recommendation are required for each nominee. At least one letter must be from an administrator acting in a supervisor role to the nominee.

Association Leadership Award

The purpose of this award is to honor a member of our Association who has distinguished themselves through tireless effort, long hours and creative labor, for the benefit of the educators of Washoe County. To be eligible for this award, the individual must be an active WEA member and hold, or have held, one or more of the following positions: Committee Chairperson, WEA Board of Directors member, or an elected local or state association office.

Only one person is eligible for this award each year. Four or more letters of recommendation must be included.

The recipient of this award will not be announced until the presentation of the award, however, the nominator will be notified of the selection status.

Improvement to Education (Group or Individual) Award

These annual awards are presented to a group or individual who are not eligible to be members of WEA but have contributed to the quality of education and/or betterment of the lives of the children of Washoe County.

The following information is required and must be included in all nominations:

1) Name of group or individual

2) The type of contribution the individual has made (e.g. personal involvement, monetary, gifts, etc.)

Four letters of support documenting why this candidate is deserving of this award and how children and education in Washoe County have benefited must be attached to this nomination. Only one group and/or one individual are eligible to receive this award each year.

Service to WEA Award

This award is designed to honor those individuals who receive little recognition for a job well done in service to educators and the Washoe Education Association. Persons eligible for this award are Building Representatives, Committee members, and individuals who serve WEA other than being officers or directors.

A narrative documenting why this person is deserving of this award, and any other pertinent information or letters of recommendation, will be given consideration by the WEA Awards Committee. Up to three individuals are eligible to receive this award each year.

For any candidate to be qualified for consideration, the **WEA Award Nomination Form** must be turned in with the letters of recommendation. **Nomination packets must be submitted by April 7th, 2025.** The Award recipients will be the guests of the WEA at the Awards Banquet on **Friday, May 30th, 2025, at the Atlantis Casino and Resort, Paradise Room.**

Some candidates may already have received awards. Please contact Tawnie Atkinson at the WEA office (828-3026 or tawnie.atkinson@washoeschools.net) to avoid duplication.

2025 WEA Award Nomination Form

Nominations and supporting materials must be submitted to the WEA Awards Committee by *April 7th, 2025*. Send or bring the nominations to the WEA office, 1890 Donald Street, Reno. School mail may be used.

AWARD CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED FOR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Devoted Educator Award (20+ yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Association Leadership Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Educator Award (10+ yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to Education Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Educator Award (5+ yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Service to WEA Award |

CANDIDATE NAME _____

PRESENT SCHOOL _____ **YEARS WITH WCSD** _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL/SUBJECTS: _____

TOTAL YEARS IN EDUCATION _____ **NUMBER OF YEARS AS A WEA MEMBER** _____

CURRENT WEA POSITION: (If applicable.) _____

PRIOR TEACHING JOBS/LOCATIONS:

ELECTIVE ASSOCIATION OFFICES OR POSITIONS HELD: (If applicable.)

Guiding questions to consider when writing your letters to support this nomination:

1. How has the candidate been involved in activities that relate to children?
2. What have been the outstanding contributions of the candidate to education?
3. How does the candidate relate to students, colleagues, staff and parents?
4. What education committees or professional organizations has the candidate served on?
5. How does the candidate promote public education?

Any other pertinent information submitted will be given consideration by the WEA Awards Committee.

This nomination is submitted by: _____

Email & personal phone number to be contacted regarding nomination:

INCOMPLETE NOMINATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED