

IOWA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARDS PROGRAMS:

Generate good will for your local association and spotlight a special accomplishment by participating in the ISEA's major awards programs. ISEA awards recognize outstanding achievement by students, association members, school administrators and citizens. More information can be found at www.isea.org.

Beacon Award for Local Association Excellence:

This award is designed to honor local associations demonstrating outstanding leadership and activity in the areas of communications, community involvement, advocacy and programs. Any local association is eligible to be nominated. Deadline for nominations is January 15.

Charles F. Martin Award for Association Leadership:

The prestigious Charles F. Martin Award has been presented annually since 1972 as the ISEA's top honor to a member who has made a significant contribution to the teaching profession through association involvement. It is named in honor of the late Charles F. Martin who served as ISEA president in 1945 and then as executive director from 1946-1961. Deadline for nominations is January 15.

Design-A-Decal:

The Design-a-Decal program helps give statewide recognition to students when their winning designs are printed on stickers and teachers use them to give positive feedback. With encouraging messages like "Sharp Thinker" and "Rock On," the stickers get used on anything from homework assignments, to papers and projects—anything that can get stuck! Students compete in three, grade-level categories: elementary (K-5); junior high/middle school (6-8); and high school (9-12). The 24 winning designs are printed in full color on sheets of one-inch square stickers and each design is featured twice. The Design-a-Decal contest is one of our longest-standing programs and a wonderful way to encourage creativity. Students who create the designs used on the decal sheets receive two plaques from the ISEA ----- one they can keep and one to be displayed at their school. Deadline for entries is April 15.

Education Support Professional (ESP) Award:

The ESP Award was established to recognize the contributions by a support staff member for their efforts to advance the ISEA and ESP activities within the association in the areas of: Professional Practice; Advocacy and Association Involvement; Community Engagement; Personal Achievement; and Enhancement of the ESP Image. Deadline for nominations is January 15.

Excellence in Education Award:

The Excellence in Education Award celebrates educators across the state who touch the lives of their students every day, but who seldom get the recognition they so richly deserve. We're proud to be able to give people a chance to say thanks to educators who make a difference. Awardees are honored during a gala awards banquet with invited friends and family. The Excellence in Education Award winner is also the ISEA's nominee for the NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence where they travel to Washington, DC for an all-expense paid trip to the Annual Salute to Excellence in Education Gala. Five awardees are selected for the Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence and receive \$10,000 each. The NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence recipient, selected from the five, receives an additional \$25,000 in cash! Nominations open from January 15 through April 1.

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Friend of Education Award:

Education is a total community effort. School employees must combine their efforts to provide the quality of education children need for the world of today and tomorrow. Through the ISEA Friend of Education Award, the ISEA honors all citizens who give their time and energy, but pays special tribute to one individual or group who has made a significant contribution to education. Deadline for nominations is January 15.

H.O. Maxey Community Spirit Award:

The H.O. Maxey Community Spirit Award is given to local associations who participate in community service activities in their area. H.O. Maxey was an educator and long-time leader in the ISEA who believed the association should give back to the communities we serve. To demonstrate that H.O. started food bank drives at the NEA Representative and ISEA Delegate Assemblies. Many locals sponsor projects or activities such as food drives, collecting coats and mittens for needy children, participating in telethons or other charitable drives. Deadline for nominations is June 1.

Newsletter Recognition Program:

How does your local association or UniServ newsletter measure up with others published in the state? Does it merit special recognition? There's only one way to find out --- enter the annual ISEA Newsletter Recognition Program! The rules are easy and if you are an ISEA-affiliated local association or UniServ unit which has published at least three issues or a print newsletter during the prior school year you are eligible to enter. Deadline for submission is January 15.

The Paul Mann Memorial Human Relations Award:

The ISEA Paul Mann Memorial Human Relations Award honors an individual or group for exemplary contributions toward the advancement of human and civil rights. It is named in honor of the late Paul Mann, a long-time associate activist from Des Moines who championed civil and human rights causes. The award recognizes contributions of individuals and/or groups, while encouraging others in their human and civil rights efforts, and fosters development of programs for the advancement and protection of human and civil rights among ISEA members. Deadline for nominations is January 15.

Scholarship for Future Teachers:

The ISEA offers scholarships to help sons or daughters of association members become teachers. Applicants must have completed 60 semester hours (or equivalent) or they must be considered a junior at the college or university in which they are enrolled. A statement of enrollment in the teacher education program is required. Deadline is January 15.

Roland and Dorothy Ross Scholarship:

Applications for the Roland and Dorothy Ross Scholarship Award for ISEA members who are secondary school counselors are available on the ISEA Web site. The award, which is in memory of Roland and Dorothy Ross, is administered by Wells Fargo Bank with assistance from the ISEA. The Trust makes funds available for qualified individuals to further their education by attendance and participation in classes or programs. Members must have at least five years of experience as a full-time school counselor. Deadlines for application (depending on the date of the requested program) are February 15, May 15, August 15, or November 15.

TEAM Award:

The TEAM Award was established in 1990 and means Together, Educators and Administrators Make It Happen. The award is designed to honor a school administrator who has worked to create a collaborative, collegial working environment for all staff in a school building or district. Any school administrator, current or retired, is eligible for the award. Local associations or individuals working within their organization may submit nominations. Deadline for nominations is January 15.