



Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin State Awards Program

2017-18 Awards

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****Please remember to proofread all awards before submitting. Please also organize your chapter's awards into one Google folder to share with the Vice President.**

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Outstanding Aspiring Ed Alumni Award

The Outstanding Aspiring Ed Alumni recognizes individuals that demonstrate their dedication and involvement with Aspiring Ed (*the person nominated does not have to be a WEAC member*).

The **nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay** highlighting the support of an Aspiring Ed alumni in the local Aspiring Ed chapter. In the essay, the nominator should address the questions asked below to distinguish the importance of the outstanding Aspiring Ed Alumni.

1. How has the Aspiring Ed Alumni supported your local chapter?
2. How has the nominee reflected the Aspiring Ed values at your local chapter?
3. How as the nominee enhanced the Aspiring Ed experience at your local chapter?
4. What sort of involvement has the nominee had at your local Aspiring Ed chapter?
5. How has the nominee used their Aspiring Ed knowledge to aid your chapter?
6. Explain why you think the nominee should receive this award.

In addition, **two letters of recommendation from individuals other than the nominator** must accompany the nomination and nominator's essay (i.e. the nominator's essay and two letters of recommendation should be in the same Google Drive folder).

Nominee's Name	
University Name	
Local Student Chapter	
Nominator's Name	
Title/Position	
Address	
Phone number	
E-mail address	

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Nominator's Signature _____
Date _____

Outstanding Friend of Aspiring Ed Award

The friend of Aspiring Ed Award recognizes individuals that support local Aspiring Ed chapters and/or state events and may or may not be affiliated with WEAC.

The **nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay** that highlights the friend of Aspiring Ed's outstanding qualities and actions and address the questions below. Please include illustrative examples of each criteria and how each contributes to the success of Aspiring Ed locally or at the state level.

1. Explain why you believe that this friend should receive this award.
2. What examples do you have that demonstrates the quality of friendship between the friend and local Aspiring Ed chapter or state board?
3. How does the friend help support local Aspiring Ed chapters or state events and the values that reflect Aspiring Ed?
4. Has the nominee been a friend of Aspiring Ed in more than one instance and for more than one year? If so, how?
5. In what ways could this friendship progress or why do you think it will remain strong?

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Nominee's Name

University Name

Local Student
Chapter _____

Nominator's Name

Title/Position _____

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Phone number _____
E-mail address _____
Nominator's Signature _____
Date _____

Outstanding Teacher Educator Award

The Aspiring Ed Teacher Educator Award is designed to recognize an individual Teacher Educator for his/her dedication and leadership to his/her students.

The **nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay**. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the teacher educator's outstanding qualities and actions. Please include illustrative examples for each question and how each contributes to the teacher educator's success.

1. What is the extent of the educator's knowledge of the education profession?
2. How has the educator demonstrated commitment to education students and your local chapter beyond his/her assigned duties?
3. How is the educator's positive attitude toward the students displayed in the education program and how does this contribute to a successful program at your chapter?
4. How does the educator demonstrate an understanding of and communicate with the local and state leaders of Aspiring Ed?
5. Why do you believe this educator should receive this award?

In addition, **two letters of recommendation from individuals other than the nominator** must accompany the nomination and nominator's essay (i.e. the nominator's essay and two letters of recommendation should be in the same Google Drive folder).

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University Name _____

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Local Student Chapter _____
Nominator's Name _____
Title/Position _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
E-mail address _____
Nominator's Signature _____
Date _____

Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

The Aspiring Ed Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award recognizes an advisor for dedication and service to the local chapter.

The **nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay**. In this essay please highlight the local advisor's outstanding qualities and actions as you address the following four criteria. Include illustrative examples of each criteria and how each contributes to the success of the local chapter.

1. How has the advisor demonstrated cooperation with the local Aspiring Ed leaders and members?
2. How has the advisor demonstrated commitment to students and the local chapter?
3. How has the advisor facilitated growth and encouraged activism within the local chapter?
4. How has the advisor embraced cooperation and maintained open communication with the state organizer and student officers?

In addition, **two letters of recommendation from individuals other than the nominator** must accompany the nomination and nominator's essay (i.e. the nominator's essay and two letters of recommendation should be in the same Google Drive folder).

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University Name	_____
Local Student Chapter	_____
Nominator's Name	_____
Title/Position	_____
Address	_____
Phone number	_____
E-mail address	_____
Nominator's Signature	_____
Date	_____

Outstanding Chapter Student Leader Award

The Aspiring Ed Local Chapter Student Leader Award recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence throughout the year by providing leadership to the local chapter.

The **nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay**. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the student leader's outstanding qualities and actions. Please include illustrative examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the local chapter.

1. How has the student leader increased membership and member participation on campus?
2. In what professional development or outreach activities, at the local, state, or national level, has the leader participated?
3. What programs/projects has the student leader implemented involving some or all of the Aspiring Ed core values?

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4. How has the student leader made a difference in the community or on campus?
5. What specifically has the student leader done to provide opportunities to others and cultivate new leaders?
6. How has this student developed a sense of teamwork and communication on campus?

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University Name _____
Local Student Chapter _____
Nominator's Name _____
Title/Position _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
E-mail address _____
Nominator's Signature _____
Date _____

Outstanding Chapter Event Award

The Aspiring Ed Outstanding Chapter Event recognizes exceptional projects that involve members in affecting Teacher Quality, Community Outreach, or Political Action.

The Aspiring Ed Chapter must create (and share) a Google Drive folder with all relevant information included and clearly labeled. In the folder, please include pictures from the event, copies of PR and posters created, newspaper clippings (if available), a written

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description of the event, and any other materials you feel establish your event as outstanding. Your folder may include e-versions of materials or scanned copies so long as they are legible. The written description must include the following criteria:

1. A description of the event (include the purpose, date, time, and any other important details)
2. How your project relates to Teacher Quality, Community Outreach, or Political Action
3. How were chapter members involved in the preparation of the event and during the event?
4. How were communications were used to promote or aid the event (Social media, PR, etc.)?
5. Why is the project beneficial to Aspiring Educators or the community?

Please include a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, answer all of the questions above. Submit your essay and other materials via Google folder.

University Name _____
Local Student Chapter _____
Event Name _____
Contact Person at Chapter _____
Title/Position _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
E-mail address _____
Contact's Signature _____
Date _____

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Local Chapter Excellence Award

The Aspiring Ed Local Chapter Excellence Award recognizes local student chapters that have achieved excellence throughout the year by providing members with leadership and professional development opportunities that reflect the Aspiring Ed focus.

For judging purposes, applications will be divided into two groups based on membership - 100 members or less and 101 members or more.

Applications are meant to be a collection of materials and examples reflecting the areas listed below. Materials may be organized in a Google Docs folder for convenience and might include items such as meeting agendas and synopses, brief descriptions of outreach projects and related publicity, or a list of get-out-the-vote activities and impact statements. *Please do not include originals.* You may provide e-versions of materials or scanned copies. Descriptions, explanations, and reflections are valuable to the judging committee. Clear labeling and organization is appreciated. **You must clearly label which award the folder is intended for.**

Please include a 1-2 (shortened!!) page essay. In this essay, answer all of the following questions. Submit your essay along with the Google Drive folder and your application cover sheet located on the next page.

<p><u>Organization and Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What strategies does your chapter use to recruit members? • Has your chapter increased membership? If yes, how did you do it? If no, what would you try next year? <i>*Recommended to supply charts and/or graphs.</i> • How did your chapter recruit a diverse membership (minority, male-female, elementary-secondary...)? <i>*Recommended to supply charts and/or graphs.</i> • How does your chapter communicate with its members and potential members?
<p><u>Teacher Quality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What professional development opportunities has your chapter provided? • How have you recruited members through your professional development workshops? • How has your chapter partnered with other organizations to provide workshops? • How do you know the professional development workshops you offer have helped better prepare your student members for the classroom?
<p><u>Community Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has your chapter done to give back to the community? • How have you recruited members through your community outreach projects? • How do you gain media attention for your community service projects? • How do you know your projects have made a difference in the community?
<p><u>Political Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you define political action? • In what political activities has your chapter been involved?

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- How have you recruited members through your political activities?
- How do you know your political activities are making a difference with your members or the community?
- How do you convince your members it's important to pay attention to politics as a future educator?

Please include this form in the Local Chapter Excellence Award application.

University Name	_____
Local Student	
Chapter	_____
Chapter Membership	
Total	_____
Nominator's Name	_____
Title/Position	_____
Address	_____
Phone number	_____
E-mail address	_____
Nominator's Signature	_____
Date	_____

CREATE Grant Recognition Award

The Aspiring Ed CREATE Grant Recognition Award recognizes a chapter who has applied for and received a CREATE Grant through the National Education Association this school year 2017-2018.

The CREATE Grant Recognition Award may be awarded to more than one chapter each year. In order to receive this award please place a copy of your grant application and proof of grant acceptance into your chapter's designated Google folder for awards.

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University Name _____
CREATE Grant Project Name _____
Date CREATE Grant was submitted to NEA _____
Date CREATE was accepted by NEA _____
Nominator's Name _____
Title/Position _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
E-mail address _____
Nominator's Signature _____
Date _____

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