

VEA FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Education Association may present an annual **Friend of Education Award** to honor a **person or organization whose contribution to the betterment of Virginia education has made a significant state impact**. The first annual Friend of Education Award was presented in 1989.

QUALIFICATIONS

-) **The Friend of Education Award may be bestowed upon any person or organization whose leadership, acts, and support on the state level have proven that person or organization to be a true friend of education, educators, or students in Virginia.**
-) Individual nominees may be public or private citizens, and selection of finalists will be made regardless of age, sex, race, color, or creed.
-) If an individual nominee is eligible for VEA membership, such membership is a requirement.
-) An individual recipient need not be a Virginian, but he or she should reflect the philosophy and principles of the VEA.

NOMINATIONS

Any member of the Virginia Education Association or a local association may nominate a recipient by completing a nomination form which can be obtained from the members of the VEA Board of Directors and state association office.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS

A screening committee composed of nine members of the VEA Board of Directors shall review each nomination. The Committee shall submit its recommendation for the award to the Board of Directors for approval.

THE AWARD

The Friend of Education Award shall be presented by the President of the VEA or the President's designee during the annual VEA convention, in a ceremony designed to place emphasis on the importance of the award.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS

The deadline for submitting 2019 nominations is January 18, 2019. Nominations must be signed and include proof of the nominator's VEA membership or affiliation. Completed nomination forms, together with all accompanying materials, should be sent to:

Jim Livingston, President
Virginia Education Association
116 South Third Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219.

VEA FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

To the Board of Directors, Virginia Education Association:

I hereby nominate the following person or organization to receive the Friend of Education Award, to be presented during the VEA Convention.

Nominee _____

Nominee's Title or Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In no more than 100 words indicate the reasons for your nomination and summarize the nominee's qualifications for the award. Documents and other materials supporting your nomination may be submitted with this nomination form.

The selection of the recipient of the Friend of Education Award will be made by the VEA Board of Directors on the basis of nominees who, through leadership, acts, and support at the state level, have proven to be true friends of education, educators, or students in Virginia, regardless of age, sex, race, color, or creed.

Nominating Member or Affiliate _____

Contact for Further Information _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person's Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Nominator or Affiliate Officer _____

Nominations must be postmarked no later than January 18, 2019.

Mail this completed form, with any attachments, to:

Jim Livingston, President

Virginia Education Association, 116 South Third Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219