



New Jersey Department of Education 2017-18 Governor's Educator of the Year Program

Eligibility Criteria

Any educators nominated for this award must **meet all of the following requirements:**

- Be an **exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities **or educational services professional** (see below for list of eligible certification areas)
- Must have achieved a 2016-17 **summative rating of at least Effective**; If the teacher or educational services professional has not received a 2016-17 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least Effective or the equivalent
- Be a dedicated and skilled leader who **anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years**
- **Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities** to learn
- **Actively collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success**
- Demonstrate **leadership and innovation in educational activities** at the school, district, and/or state and national level that take place both within or outside the school setting
- Have the **respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues**
- Demonstrate **poise, eloquence, and the ability to maintain a demanding schedule**
- **Have not earned the title** of school-level Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional of the Year **for the past five (5) years**

Eligible Enrollment Areas for Educational Services Professionals and Others as Listed

In order to compete for the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Basic Skills Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator / Hazardous Occupations
- Director of School Counseling Services / Child Study Team
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance/School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Library Media Specialist
- Paraprofessional (*Instructional*)
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-Instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Student Assistance Coordinator
- Technology Coach