

NCHE Higher Educator of the Year Award Overview

Purpose: The National Council of Higher Education (NCHE) Higher Educator of the Year Award recognizes the postsecondary education professionals who continually provide outstanding student service, excellence in teaching and/or working with students, and state/local labor-based advocacy. This award is presented to a member of NCHE who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments in all three areas.

Award: Each year, one nominee receives the NCHE Higher Educator of the Year Award, which includes a \$1000.00 stipend and plaque. Members of the NCHE Executive Committee present the award at the yearly NEA Higher Education Conference.

Eligibility: This award is open to all NCHE members. The recipient for the NCHE Higher Educator of the Year award must have at least ten years of professional service in higher education as of December 31, 2017 and have demonstrated consistent advocacy for higher education unions at any level (local, state, national). Individuals must be nominated by their state organizations or local affiliates.

Nominations: Each state or local affiliate may only nominate one (1) candidate per year. Affiliates must submit the official nomination form as well as a letter of recommendation detailing the rationale for supporting the candidate to the NCHE Higher Educator of the Year Award Selection Committee by February 8, 2018.

Selection/Criteria: The NCHE Higher Educator of the Year Selection Committee will review all nominations to ensure that eligibility and submission requirements are met. It will also score the nomination per the 3 criteria. Nominations will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5 for each criterion, where "1" represents minimal evidence of the criterion, and "5" represents very strong evidence of the criterion. The criteria are as follows:

1. Professional Practice including, but not limited to, demonstrated development of innovative student-centered learning tools, research methods, curricula, and appropriate discipline-based course delivery methods.
2. Labor-Based Advocacy including, but not limited to, demonstrated development of a union consciousness/social awareness regarding the critical role organized labor plays in the higher education landscape.
3. Community Engagement including, but not limited to, a demonstrated pattern of participation in local/community organizations, events, and activities associated with strengthening the ties between higher education and other service-related organizations.

Notification: The NCHE Higher Educator of the Year Selection Committee will notify the recipient of this year's award by February 18, 2018. The award will be presented during the NEA Higher Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois during the evening banquet on March 15, 2018. While a stipend of \$1000.00 is provided as the award, NCHE does not pay conference registration or other expenses incurred as a result of attending the conference.

Please **submit the nomination form and letter of recommendation by Friday, February 8, 2018** to: Dr. Suzanne G. Sublette, Chair- Higher Educator of the Year Award sublettes@gtc.edu



