

2010 IEA A+ Friend of Education Awards Program

Goals:

- To recognize and express appreciation to individuals or organizations outside of the education family who have made a special and unique contribution to the cause of public education over an extended period of time and particularly in the last year. (See “Examples of Community Involvement and Support” below.)
- To foster connections and partnerships among school communities, their neighborhoods, and the patrons of the district.
- To help build community coalitions that will support local public schools.

Program Guidelines:

Each IEA region will select a recipient for the IEA A+ Friend of Education Award, based on the goals above and examples below. While each region and/or local may present Friend of Education awards from their respective areas, the region will be asked to choose one person or group to receive the IEA A+ Friend of Education Award.

Recipients should be outside the education community.

Nominations may come from any member or local association within each respective region. No more than one nominee will be accepted from any one source.

Each IEA region will arrange a public ceremony or reception during which the award(s) will be presented. The IEA will provide the awards, assistance with media invitations and news releases, funds for the public ceremony or reception (up to \$200), and other support as necessary. The IEA President, or designee, will attend the presentations and speak during the ceremony or reception.

Nominations are due in IEA region offices by April 7. By April 14, each region will notify Manager of Administrative Services Venny Baker of its award recipient.

Examples of Community Involvement and Support:

- Community members who publicly supported school district bond or override levies.
- Recognized leaders of the community who share their talents and experiences with a school, thereby projecting positive images and serving as role models for students.
- The utilization of office space by agencies, corporations and businesses to display outstanding work accomplished by students (essays, art work), making a positive display of the togetherness that exists between the school and the community.
- Social agencies that are active participants in the life of the school, perhaps by providing additional counseling, tutoring services, or food and clothing to the needy.
- Members of the community who visit the school regularly, volunteer, or participate in assemblies.