



MPAEA AWARDS

Purpose and Criteria

All nominees must be current residents of the eight-state region comprising the Mountain Plains membership area: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

The following three awards are given by MPAEA:

AWARD OF MERIT

This award is to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the concept of adult education as a process continuing throughout life. The recipient must be a member of MPAEA. Their contribution may be on a community, state, regional or national level and need not be made within a specific time period but can range from one year to several years. This is the highest award given by the association. One award is given per year.

LAY LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award is to honor people in professions outside education who have shown themselves to be close “friends” to adult education and lifelong learning. For example: legislators, community leaders, business leaders, religious leaders, etc. The recipient need not be a member of MPAEA. One award is given per year.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (formerly the Award of Commendation)

This award is to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of adult education at the state or local level. The recipient must be a member of his/her state affiliate or MPAEA. One award per state is given.

The following three awards are given by the host state at the annual conference:

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Selected at the discretion of the state hosting the annual conference (no specific criteria).

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is to honor a legislator who has proven to be a strong supporter of adult education and lifelong learning. They shall have utilized their influence in their respective legislatures to promote and enhance lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of their state.

LEARNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Selected at the discretion of the state hosting the annual conference (no specific criteria).

NOMINATION FORM FOR MPAEA AWARDS

Please make copies of this form. Use one form for each nomination being submitted. Check the appropriate category for this nomination.

_____ **Award of Merit**

(one award given by MPAEA)

_____ **Lay Leader of the Year Award**

(one award given by MPAEA)

_____ **Awards of Excellence**

(one award given by each state)

_____ **Educator of the Year Award**

(given by the host state)

_____ **Legislator of the Year Award**

(given by the host state)

_____ **Learner/Student of the Year**

(given by the host state)

Name of Nominee _____ E mail _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Please describe the contributions of your nominee to lifelong learning. Use additional paper if needed. Review the criteria for each of the awards. Include a résumé and biographical information for the Award of Merit. Include a picture if possible.

Due Date: January 23, 2009

Nominated by: _____

Submit to: Brad Deeds, MPAEA Awards Chair

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