



## 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:

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