

EQUALITY CHAMPION AWARD

A PROJECT OF



**NJEA Sexual Orientation &
Gender Identity Committee**

IN COOPERATION WITH

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RECRUITMENT
COMMITTEE

**New Jersey Education Association
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Committee**
in conjunction with
Minority Leadership and Recruitment (MLR) Committee
Present the

EQUALITY CHAMPION AWARD

PURPOSE

To honor members and others who have been champions in the defense of human and civil rights that have significantly impacted on education and the achievement of equal opportunity for those facing discrimination due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Promote appreciation for diversity with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Work to eliminate discrimination or abusive behavior toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) groups and individuals in school environments.
3. Demonstrate leadership and creativity in ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ students and others in school community.
4. Develop curriculum that is inclusive of positive images related to sexual orientation and gender identity.
5. Champion policy and/or legislation that improve conditions and opportunities for LGBT individuals in school environments.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

1. Nominee may be an individual, a group, or an organization working in the area of human and civil rights, as related to sexual orientation and gender identity, and if eligible, must be NJEA members.
2. Nominations will be accepted from individual active or retired members or NJEA local and county affiliates.
3. Nominations must be accompanied by appropriate documentation which may include: newspaper clippings, newsletters, online reports, programs, certificates, citations, pictures, etc. No application forms or materials received after the deadline will be considered.
4. Nomination forms, documentation must be received by March 5, 2012.
5. The NJEA SOGI Committee will make the final selection with the approval of the NJEA Executive Committee.
6. The chosen nominee must be available to attend the annual Minority Leadership Conference in June and provide a current 8 x 10 inch professional quality photo for publication.

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of nominee _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # C (____) _____ H (____) _____

W (____) _____ Email _____

Member _____ Nonmember _____

If nominee is a member, give local affiliate membership _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of nominator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # C (____) _____ H (____) _____

W (____) _____ Email _____

Local affiliate membership of nominator _____

Please complete the attached form describing in one hundred (100) words or less how the nominee meets the criteria for the NJEA SOGI EQUALITY CHAMPION AWARD. All applications must be typed / word processed. Return both the form and supporting materials and photo to the address below by March 5, 2012.

Only materials received by that date will be considered.

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