

Nominations Requested for the 2009 – 2010 Maine Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year Annual Award

MADSEC requests nominations for its annual Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year recognition program. The Executive Committee hopes that members will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in identifying and honoring one of the many outstanding individuals who enrich the lives of Maine students.

Eligibility

Active, direct involvement with the instruction of special education students.

Method of Recognition

The recipient will receive special recognition and an engraved plaque at the MADSEC Annual Awards Dinner. Press releases will be sent to area newspapers.

Selection Criteria

- Outstanding contributions to education and/or success as a special education paraprofessional.
- Demonstration of an awareness of current educational developments by utilizing programs which are viable, innovative and successful.
- Demonstration of endeavor to grow professionally by attending workshops, conferences, and seminars.
- Involvement in the community.
- Regular involvement on school committees and demonstration of leadership roles.
- Involvement in staff development for regular and/or special education staff.
- Number of service years.

Deadlines

1. October 16: Nomination forms and directions distributed to Executive Committee and Regional Representatives, and all MADSEC Individual and LEA administrator members.
2. March 5: Regional nominations due at MADSEC office.
3. April 15: Awards Committee presents finalist to Representative Board.

Attn: Awards Committee
MADSEC Office, Kennebec Centre
675 Western Ave., Suite 2
Manchester, ME 04351

Nomination Process

1. Any MADSEC region may nominate any special education Paraprofessional in the state.
2. Nominations are to be submitted to the MADSEC Awards Committee and the nomination package must contain:
 - a. 150-250 word provide that can serve as a basis for a press release.
 - b. Vitae of the person being nominated.
 - c. A minimum of **three** statements of support from professional colleagues, personal references, students or community members.
 - d. Permission of the nominee to pursue the processing of the nomination papers.
3. The selection of Special Education Paraprofessional will be made by the MADSEC Awards Committee, approved by the Representative Board, and presented at the Annual Awards Event.



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Nomination Form for Maine Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year

(Must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2010)

SEND ORIGINAL AND FOUR (4) COPIES OF ALL PAPERWORK

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Associated School/Agency: _____

References: (3) _____

Nominee's Local Newspapers: _____

Reasons for Nomination: (Follow process on reverse side of this form.)

Nominated by: _____ Regional Group: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Date: _____

Note: Each region may nominate one person for each award.