

MADSEC Special Education Teacher of the Year

MADSEC is accepting nominations for its Special Education Teacher of the Year Annual Award. The Executive Board's hope is that each MADSEC Regional Group will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in identifying and honoring one of the many outstanding special educators who enrich the lives of Maine students with disabilities.

Eligibility Requirements for Nomination:

- Nominee must hold a valid 282 or 286 Maine endorsement and be currently working as a special education teacher in a state-approved school in Maine

Nomination Process:

- Any MADSEC member may nominate any special education teacher in Maine provided that the nomination is submitted by the nominator's MADSEC regional group
- Each MADSEC regional group may nominate one individual for the award
- Nominations are to be submitted to the MADSEC office by the deadline of April 1st
- Upon receipt, nominations are submitted to the MADSEC Awards Committee so long as the nomination package is completed in full and received in the MADSEC office **via email no later than 4:00pm on March 31, 2025** and contains the following:
 - Vitae of the person being nominated
 - A minimum of three statements of support from professional colleagues, personal references, students, or community members
 - Permission of the nominee to pursue the processing of the nomination papers

Selection Criteria:

- Outstanding contributions to the field of special education
- Demonstration of an awareness of current educational developments by utilizing programs which are viable, innovative, and successful
- Demonstration of endeavors to grow professionally by attending workshops, conferences, graduate classes, or seminars
- Active involvement in the school community
- Involvement with implementing new programs for students with disabilities
- Regular involvement on school-based initiatives or committees, and demonstration of teacher leadership role
- Involvement in staff development for general and/or special education staff
- Involvement in regional, state, or national professional organizations
- Currently in active practice as a special education teacher in Maine
- Number of service years

- The selection of Special Education Teacher of the Year will be made by the MADSEC Awards Committee and approved by the MADSEC Representative Board

Method of Recognition:

- The recipient will receive special recognition at the MADSEC Annual Awards Dinner
- The recipient will receive special recognition on the MADSEC website
- The recipient's name will be provided to the Maine Department of Education for special recognition through their typical communication method

Deadlines:

- October 19th: Nomination packet open on MADSEC website
- March 31st: Regional nominations due to MADSEC office no later than 4:00pm
- April 30th: MADSEC Awards Committee's finalist to MADSEC office
- May Representative Board Meeting: Finalist's name presented to Representative Board for acceptance
- Finalist notified through MADSEC office no later than one week after acceptance at May Representative Board meeting

The completed nomination packet (application and supporting documents) must be emailed to info@madsec.org and received in the MADSEC office no later than 4:00pm on March 31, 2025.

Nomination Form for MADSEC Maine Special Education Teacher of the Year

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Associated School/Agency: _____

References:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominated by: _____ MADSEC Regional Group: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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