



December 1, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the *2019 NEOA Achiever Awards*. *NEOA Achiever Awards* are given to outstanding graduates of New England's regional educational opportunity programs, TRIO and other educational opportunity programs alike. I hope you will take the time to recognize and honor the tremendous achievements of our distinguished alumni. NEOA Achievers are truly worthy of this distinction, as they possess all of the following attributes:

- They have received a Bachelor's or Associate's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- They are recognized as a person of high stature within their profession or they have received recognition for their outstanding academic achievements.
- They are employed above the entry-level designation for their profession or they have received a post baccalaureate degree or are enrolled in a post baccalaureate program.
- They have made significant civic, community, or professional contributions.
- Their participation in an educational opportunity program has had a significant impact upon their ability to achieve educational and/or professional objectives (as acknowledged by the participant).

A nomination form is below. Please write a strong letter of support for your nominee addressing the five points in the above criteria to ensure that your nominee is eligible. Note that you may make nominations outside your project or program and that your nominee does not have to reside in New England. Also it is necessary for your nominee to write a brief statement (500 words or less) acknowledging the impact of the educational opportunity program on their academic and/or professional lives. This statement must be submitted with our nomination form and letter by **February 1st, 2019**. In addition, for the nomination to be valid, the nominator must be a 2018-2019 NEOA member. If you have any questions regarding your membership in our association please feel free to email *Steve Visco, NEOA Membership Chair at* steven.visco@maine.edu

All submissions for the NEOA Achiever Award must be received in full by Friday, February 1st, 2019. Award winners will be selected and notified in late February/early March. The awards presentation will take place during the NEOA Annual Conference April 3rd, 2019 in Warwick, RI at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

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NEOA Achiever Nomination Criteria

1. *They have received a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited institution of higher education*
2. *They are recognized as a person of high stature within their profession or they have received recognition for their outstanding academic achievements*
3. *They are employed above the entry-level designation for their profession or they have received a post baccalaureate degree or are enrolled in a post baccalaureate program*
4. *They have made significant civic, community, or professional contributions*
5. *Their participation in an educational opportunity program has had a significant impact upon their ability to achieve educational and/or professional objectives (as acknowledged by the participant)*

NEOA Achiever Application Packet

- The application cover letter.*
- A letter of nomination. This letter should address each of the five points listed in the nomination criteria. Please include any unique factors or noteworthy accomplishments for this candidate. Also, please address any significant obstacles that this candidate has faced.*
- A letter from the candidate outlining the impact participation in the educational opportunity program had on his or her educational and/or professional objectives.*
- A one to two page resume, vitae, or statement indicating educational background, professional employment, academic and/or professional honors, professional, community, or civic contributions and other information pertinent to the nomination.*
- A Digital Photo –for our Conference Booklet!*
- Deadline: All application materials must be received in full by February 1st 2019.***

E-mail, postal mail or fax your application materials to:

Brian Post, bpost002@plattsburgh.edu
SUNY Plattsburgh Upward Bound
101 Broad St.
Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901
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2019 NEOA ACHIEVER AWARD APPLICATION

Personal Information

Candidate Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Degree received:

Traditional student:

Non-traditional student:

Educational Opportunity Program Participation

Project:

Institution/Agency:

Dates of Participation:

Project Director or Counselor during Participation:

Name of Person Nominating:

Address:

Phone:

Email: