



Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the annual 2019 *NEOA Rising Star Award*. This award was developed in 2011 by the Board of Directors to identify emerging professionals who are former participants of New England's educational opportunity programs. This award allows our region to recognize Rising Stars who have either completed their Associate's degree and/or their Bachelor's degree and are just beginning to make an impact in their careers and communities. The *Rising Star Award* honors emerging leaders who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and serve as a role model for other low-income, first-generation college bound students and students with disabilities. *NEOA Rising Star* nominees should be worthy of distinction and possess all of the following attributes:

- Demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in his or her profession.
- Has an Associate's or Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and two to five years professional experience in their field.
- Engages in or is developing a leadership role in civic, community, or professional development activities.
- Has participated in an educational opportunity program that 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. In your nomination letter, please address the four 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 please note, 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 your nomination form. 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](mailto:steven.visco@maine.edu)

All submissions for the NEOA Achiever Award must be received in full by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in Warwick, RI at the Crown Point Hotel.

*For more information on NEOA, go to [www.neoaonline.org](http://www.neoaonline.org)*



### ***NEOA Rising Star Nomination Criteria***

1. The individual is an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in his or her profession.
2. The individual has received an Associate's or Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and two to five years professional experience in their field.
3. The individual engages in or is developing a leadership role in civic, community, or professional development activities.
4. The individual has participated in an educational opportunity program that has had a significant impact upon their ability to achieve educational and/or professional objectives (as acknowledged by the participant)

### ***NEOA Rising Star Application Packet***

- The application cover page (see below).*
- A letter of nomination. This letter should address each of the four 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 written statement (500 words or less) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.***

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

Brian Post, [bpost002@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:bpost002@plattsburgh.edu)

SUNY Plattsburgh Upward Bound

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Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901 Fax: 518-564-3035

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## **2019 NEOA RISING STAR 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: