

December 1st, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce we are now accepting nominations for the *2023 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 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 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 your nomination form. In addition, for the nomination to be valid, the nominator must be a 2022-2023 NEOA member. If you have any questions regarding your membership in our association please feel free to email **Andrea Dawes, NEOA Membership Chair** at Andrea.Dawes@umb.edu or **Jessica Coronel Co-Chair, Membership & Credentials** at coronelj@wcsu.edu.

All submissions for the NEOA Achiever Award must be received in full by **Wednesday, February 1st, 2023**. Late applications will be rolled over into the 2024 applicant pool. Award winners will be selected and notified in late February/early March. The awards presentation will take place during the 2023 NEOA Annual Conference.

NEOA Achiever Nomination Criteria

1. They have received a bachelor's or associate 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.
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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, 2023.** Any not received by this date will gladly be forwarded to next year's committee.

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

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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: