

WOEA ESP of the Year Award

WOEA ESP of the Year Award – WOEa will present the Education Support Professional Award to a WOEa member whose activities reflect the contributions of education support professionals to public education. Recipients will receive a monetary award in the amount of \$250. The purpose of the WOEa Education Support Professional Award is to recognize an individual who shows outstanding accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

1. **Professional Practice:** Describe the work site responsibilities and personal achievements the nominee has made in his/her classification or field. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, creativity, and innovation at the work site? How has his/her professional growth made a difference for the school, the students and the community?
2. **Advocacy and Association Involvement:** In what ways does the nominee serve as an advocate in the day-to-day educational process, for members, for the profession, and for public education? Has the nominee's involvement in WOEa contributed to his/her success as a professional? How would he/she persuade a new colleague to join or become more active in the association?
3. **Community Engagement:** Specify in detail how the nominee has been involved in promoting public education in the community. In what other ways is the nominee involved in community activities/projects?
4. **Personal Achievement:** How has involvement in Association and community activities enabled the nominee to meet his/her own personal goals? What advice would the nominee give to someone entering the teaching profession?
5. **Enhancement of ESP Image:** Describe in detail how the nominee's activities have enhanced the image of Education Support Professionals at the work site, in the Association, and in the community.
6. Individual must have been an OEA member for three years as of January of the award year.
7. Nominations are accepted through September 1 each year. Anyone may nominate by completing the appropriate nomination form.