



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Staff Involved with Educator Recognition
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: December 4, 2023

Nominations Sought for 2023-2024 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) strives to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond in their service to New Jersey's students. All local educational agencies (LEAs) are encouraged to participate in Governor's Educator of the Year program to honor the hardworking teachers and educational services professionals for their dedication to students, and to the profession.

The Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program (GEOY) promotes a culture that recognizes excellence, creates a sense of pride and brings public attention to the work of outstanding educators. Please consider exceptional educators with diverse backgrounds that represent the ethnic and racial diversity of our state.

Instructions

- 1) Review all [Governor's Educator of the Year Program Materials](#);
- 2) Access all pertinent forms such as the Nomination Form, Nomination Form Scoring Guide, and School Information Form on the program materials link above;
- 3) Adhere to the program timelines and eligibility criteria by following the school level instructions to nominate and select one Teacher of the Year and one Educational Services Professional of the Year per school by November 28, 2023;
- 4) Register your Teacher of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year by first uploading your completed School Information Form and then completing the fields in the [GEOY online form](#) by December 4, 2023; and,
- 5) Notify all nominated educators in your school by December 8, 2023.

All registered Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals of the Year will receive an awards certificate from their respective County Office of Education.

Contact Information

For any questions, please contact the program at EducatorRecognition@doe.nj.gov. As always, the NJDOE appreciates the collaboration in recognizing the great work of New Jersey's outstanding educators.

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