We are excited to announce the recipients of the 2018 NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence. These awardees represent the best of the profession, and we look forward to celebrating them at the NEA Foundation Salute to Excellence in Education gala on February 9, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The gala will be live streamed at neafoundation.org.

This toolkit includes:
- Press releases with photos for each of the awardees
- Sample social media posts to share the news
- Frequently asked questions

Watch the NEA Foundation’s Facebook and Twitter feeds for weekly profiles of each awardee, starting this fall. We’ll continue to share news of the awardees and gala, including the announcement of the five Horace Mann awardees in September.

If you have any additional questions about sharing the awards, please contact Edith Wooten at ewooten@nea.org or Juliana Avery at javery@nea.org.
Press Releases

Alabama Education Association
Arizona Education Association
Arkansas Education Association
Delaware State Education Association
Education Minnesota
Federal Education Association
Georgia Association of Educators
Hawaii State Teachers Association
Idaho Education Association
Illinois Education Association
Indiana State Teachers Association
Iowa State Education Association
Kansas – NEA
Kentucky Education Association
Louisiana Association of Educators
Maine Education Association
Maryland State Education Association
MEA-MFT
Missouri NEA
NEA – Alaska
NEA – New Mexico
Nebraska State Education Association
New Jersey Education Association
New York State United Teachers
North Carolina Association of Educators
North Dakota United
Oklahoma Education Association
Oregon Education Association
South Carolina Education Association
South Dakota Education Association
Tennessee Education Association
Texas State Teachers Association
Utah Education Association
Virginia Education Association
Washington Education Association
West Virginia Education Association
Wisconsin Education Association Council
Wyoming Education Association

Template Social Media Posts

Facebook: Congratulations to our own [awardee name], a [work title], on being selected to receive the 2018 NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence! We’re proud to celebrate [awardee name]’s outstanding work. http://bit.ly/1rSlZvc

Twitter: Congrats to @NEAFoundation awardee [awardee name]! We can’t wait to recognize you at the #NEAFgala in February! http://bit.ly/1rSlZvc

Note: Awardee photos are included in the press releases linked above.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the NEA Foundation?
The NEA Foundation is a public charity founded by educators for educators to improve public education for all students. Since our beginning in 1969, the Foundation has served as a laboratory of learning, offering funding and other resources to public school educators, their schools, and districts to solve complex teaching and learning challenges. We elevate and share educator solutions to ensure greater reach and impact on student learning. We believe that when educators unleash their own power, ideas, and voices, communities, schools, and students all benefit. Visit neafoundation.org to learn more about our leadership and programs.

We greatly appreciate the use of our correct name, the NEA Foundation. We are never the National Education Association Foundation, nor are we the same as the NEA.

What are the Awards for Teaching Excellence?
The NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence recognize, reward, and promote excellence in both teaching and advocacy for the association. The awards are presented jointly by the NEA Foundation and the National Education Association.

There are three levels of recognition:

- All educators nominated by their NEA state affiliates are California Casualty Awards for Teaching Excellence recipients.
- Five educators receive the Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence.
- One receives the NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence.

How are awardees publicly recognized?
Every February, the NEA Foundation holds an annual awards ceremony, the Salute to Excellence in Education Gala, to celebrate the men and women who work in America’s public schools. Awardees are honored on stage in front of an audience of almost 1,000 leaders from the public education, business, and philanthropic sectors. In addition, the NEA Foundation works with the NEA state affiliates to generate public recognition via media coverage.