Delaware State Education Association
Standing Strong for Student Success

HELEN WISE AWARD

The Helen Wise Award is the Delaware State Education Association's most prestigious award. The award is named for Helen Wise who was a DSEA member who served as a local leader, a state president and an NEA president. Her leadership skills and connection with members serve as an appropriate example for any who are seeking excellence in the work they do for our union.

Purpose of Award:

The Helen Wise Award will recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to public education in Delaware. The Helen Wise Award may be given annually as determined by the DSEA Executive Board.

Criteria:

The DSEA Executive Board will review the applications and select the recipient at the February Board meeting based on the following criteria:

- The candidate must show evidence of advocating for, expanding and/or enhancing programs that strengthen student achievement.
- The candidate must show evidence of his/her activities that have promoted member involvement in union work.
- The candidate must show evidence of creating connections to members at their work sites.
- The candidate must show evidence of being a strong advocate and leader for our members and working to build capacity at the local and state levels.
- The candidate must show evidence of working in the political arena in a way that positively impacts our members.
- The candidate must show evidence of having a positive impact on the working conditions of our members.

Eligibility:

- Individuals must be an active member, a retired member, or a staff member with at least five years of DSEA membership.

- Individuals must be nominated by a fellow member of DSEA or by a local association.

Recognition:

- The recipient will receive a plaque and recognition at the DSEA Celebration of Leadership event held during the DSEA Representative Assembly.

- The recipient will be honored by DSEA and recognized for his/her accomplishment in *ACTION* and on the DSEA website.

- The awardee will receive a $500 Honorarium.

Award Requirements:

- The DSEA Award Nomination Form must be completed and submitted to the DSEA Dover Office by **February 1**.

- Nominations must be accompanied by at least three letters of recommendation written by any of the following (no more than two letters may come from any category): work colleague, supervisor, student, parent, staff member, or an elected association leader at the local or state level. Documents presented for consideration must show evidence of meeting the criteria.

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Individual Award Nomination Form

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual for a DSEA Award must complete this form. All application packages must be received in the DSEA Dover Office, 136 East Water Street, Dover, DE 19901 no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1. Should February 1 fall on a weekend, the nomination package would be due by 5:00 p.m. on the preceding Friday. All Awards will be presented upon the approval of the DSEA Executive Board. (Revised 3/10)

Title of Award _____

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee's School District _____

Nominee's Worksite/Address _____

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Nominee's Home Address: _____

Nominee's Home Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Names of Members or Association Nominating: _____

Referring to specific incidences and attaching any supporting documentation as appropriate, please indicate how the nominee meets the criteria and award requirements.

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Signature of Nominator: _____

Date Nomination Submitted (must follow Award Guidelines) _____