

NPEA/JKCF 2019 Award for Excellence Nomination Form

Description and Eligibility

Background:

The National Partnership for Educational Access (NPEA) and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation are pleased to announce the 2019 Award for Excellence in Educational Access.

This Award will recognize excellence in the field of educational access in supporting underserved students on the path to and through college. In addition to recognition on NPEA's website and social media sites, as well as a formal announcement at the conference, the winner of this year's 2019 Award for Excellence in Educational Access will receive a **\$5,000 monetary gift**. We are grateful to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for generously sponsoring the 2019 Award for Excellence in Educational Access.

Conference and Award Details:

The winner of the NPEA/Cooke Foundation Award will be announced at the 2019 national conference in Chicago, IL. The conference, *Raising Our Voices: Bold Innovations That Empower Students*, will be held on April 3-5, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in downtown Chicago. For more information about the conference, please visit: www.educational-access.org/conference. Early bird conference registration rates will be available until February 15, 2019. *Please note: Nominees are encouraged but are not required to attend the conference to be eligible for the award.*

Eligibility:

- Only current NPEA Members* in good standing are eligible for nomination.
- Members can, and are encouraged to, nominate themselves. Please note: Individuals are not eligible to win this Award.
- NPEA member must be able to demonstrate program/school impact, results, and student success.

**With questions about and/or to confirm membership status, please contact Alex Newell, NPEA Member Services Associate, at anewell@tsf.org or (617) 423-6300 x263.*

For more information about the Award, and to learn about past winners: please [visit our website](#) and download the award overview.

IMPORTANT: Nominees may include NPEA Member Organizations, Programs, or Schools. Please be sure to review all eligibility requirements prior to submitting a nomination. *Please note: Individuals are not eligible for this award.*

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage you to download a PDF of the form to preview the questions asked. You can begin the application and return to it at a later date/time, but be sure to use the same

computer and web browser each time you work on the application in order to save your responses/progress.

Questions?

Please email Carrie Tate, NPEA Associate Director, at ctate@tsf.org.

Nominations are due by Thursday, February 28.



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Nominator Information

As the nominator submitting this application, please share your contact information below.

*** 1. First and Last Name of Nominator:**

*** 2. Title of Nominator:**

*** 3. Your Organization/School/Program:**

*** 4. Work Phone:**

*** 5. Work Email:**

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Nominee Information

*** 6. Name of the NPEA Member Organization/Program or School you are nominating (please note: individuals are not eligible for this award):**

Please provide contact information for a main point of contact at the member organization/school you are nominating, in case we need to reach out with any questions:

*** 7. Please include the contact's first and last name, title, email address, and phone number:**

Please provide names and contact information for at least two references who can speak to the qualifications of the Member Organization/Program or School for the NPEA/Cooke Foundation Award for Excellence in Educational Access. *References should not be paid staff/employees of the nominee's school or program but can serve in an advisory capacity.*

*** 8. Reference 1 - Name, title, organization/school, email address, and phone number:**

*** 9. Reference 2 - Name, title, organization/school, email address, and phone number:**

10. (optional) Reference 3 - Name, title, organization/school, email address, and phone number:

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Nominee At-a-Glance

This information is intended to provide helpful context for the reviewers.

11. Year founded:

12. Number of students served annually:

13. Grade Levels Served:

14. Number (or percentage) of students first generation college-bound:

15. Optional: Please feel free to share up to (but no more than) five key program/organization/school outcome stats (e.g., X% graduate college within 6 years):

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Nomination

* 16. Brief description of the NPEA Member's mission and services (up to 250 words):

Please provide a brief description of the member organization/school or program's evidence of impact/success in the field of educational access, addressing the areas listed below. *(Please limit to no more than 500 words for each of the sections below.)*

*** 17. Evidence and anecdotes of success in supporting underrepresented students with educational opportunities that will lead to college and beyond (Has the member org/program or school provided underserved students with educational opportunities that will lead to college and beyond? What are the needs of the specific population(s) they serve, and how do they work to best address them?)**

*** 18. Demonstrated commitment to data and program/school improvement(Does the member org/program or school define their desired outcomes clearly, and then use data to measure progress in order to inform current and future programming? Have they participated in organization-wide assessments and/or strategic planning?)**

*** 19. Demonstrated commitment to supporting underserved students' personal growth and success as critical thinkers, ethical leaders, and supportive members of their community (Has the member org/program or school demonstrated support for students' personal growth and success?)**

*** 20. Measures of sustainability that position the program/school for long-term success or potential growth (Is the member org/program or school positioned for long-term success and/or potential growth? Have they illustrated specific systems or structures to support long-term success, such as - though not limited to - funding streams, partnerships, strategic planning, staff retention, involvement of the Board, etc.?)**

*** 21. Evidence of leadership in the community and commitment to the field and the work of NPEA(Is the member org/program or school a leader in their community/ies? Have they demonstrated commitment to the field of educational access and the work of NPEA? Do others look to this org/program or school for best practices or collaboration in areas such as organizational culture, staff development, and/or community engagement?)**

*** 22. Demonstrated creativity and innovation in solving problems, adapting to the needs of students, families, and/or the field, and productive growth (Has the member org/program or school demonstrated creative problem-solving, adaptability to the needs of their students, families, and/or the field, and productive growth?)**

The Award winner will be announced at the NPEA 2019 Conference on **Thursday, April 4 at 1:45pm**, just prior to the general session keynote address.

While the nominee **does not** have to be present at the conference in order to be eligible for the Award, it's helpful for us to know who might be attending from the NPEA Member organization/school nominees in case that Member wins.

*** 23. Will someone from the NPEA Member Organization/School you are nominating be attending the NPEA Conference?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No
- Not sure

24. If yes, please list the first and last name of the individual who will be attending.

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Supplemental Information

If you have any additional information and/or materials you think would be helpful as a supplement to your nomination, please email them as a Word or PDF attachment to Carrie Tate, Associate Director of NPEA, at ctate@tsf.org with "NPEA/Cooke Foundation Award for Excellence Supplement" in the subject line. **Please limit to no more than two brief supplements.**

Examples of acceptable "brief" supplements should give a snapshot of the nominee that supports the application information and should be concise. Examples include:

- a news article
- a press release
- an infographic or program flyer
- an executive summary for a grant report

Supplements should NOT include annual reports or otherwise lengthy documents, PowerPoint decks, etc. as reviewers will not be able to consider these with the nomination. Questions? Please email Carrie at ctate@tsf.org



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Thank You!

Thank you so much for submitting a nomination for the 2019 NPEA/Cooke Foundation Award for Excellence in Educational Access! **Please be sure to click on the "Done" button below to complete your submission.**

We look forward to reviewing the nominations with our review committee and will announce the award winner at the 2019 NPEA Conference in Chicago this April.