

KANSAS ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING ABE/GED ADULT LEARNER AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

The statewide search for Outstanding Adult Learners will identify those who exemplify adult education students throughout Kansas. These adults are individuals who deserve to be recognized during the KAEA annual conference for their determined effort to pursue education in its many forms.

The Kansas Adult Education Association (KAEA) is coordinating this search with the support of corporations and education, community and voluntary organizations.

A distinguished panel of adult educators will select four finalists from nominees who represent the diversity of adult learners in our state. These finalists will be honored during the annual conference at an awards luncheon hosted by the KAEA Awards Committee and which will feature designated public officials to present the awards.

The KAEA Awards Committee urges you to nominate individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and effort in furthering their education.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please review the criteria for selection in section A on of this form.
2. Complete information on this page.
3. Complete the nominator's and nominee's statements on separate sheets.
4. The nominee must sign a release form in section D.
5. The completed nomination will contain the following in this order: 1) this nomination form; 2) the nominator's statement; 3) the nominee's statement; and 4) any supporting documents you may wish to send, such as copies of newspaper articles, certificates, awards, etc. Please do not send other media such as audiocassettes or videocassettes.

Name of Nominated Adult Learner _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Legislative District _____

Name of Nominating Person _____

Title _____

Organization, School, Company, etc. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Work Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

A CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The nominee should demonstrate success in many of the following categories. The criteria are NOT listed by priority.

- 30 pts. 1. Has overcome difficult circumstances in order to pursue adult learning experiences.
- 20 pts. 2. Has been supportive of others engaged in adult learning.
- 20 pts. 3. Has improved the life situation(s) of self/others as a result of learning experiences.
- 5 pts. 4. Must have been a student or self-directed learner within 2 years prior to the nomination date.
- 5 pts. 5. Must be an adult as defined by the Kansas Board of Regents, Adult Basic Education section.
- 20 pts. 6. Has demonstrated involvement in literacy support efforts; such as
- 100 pts leadership, volunteer or referral activities.

B NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT

(Limit of two pages, double-spaced.) Describe in detail the effect of adult and continuing education on the life of the student you are nominating. Keeping the criteria for selection in mind, include information about each of the following:

- 1. The educational level of the student prior to his/her pursuing further adult education opportunities.
- 2. The circumstances of life surrounding the student prior to pursuing adult and continuing education.
- 3. The specific educational programs, which the student has used to pursue adult educational opportunities. Provide an overview of various programs involved in or completed and successful outcomes.

C NOMINEE'S STATEMENT

(Limit of one to two pages, double-spaced.) Please answer each of the following questions in your own words:

- 1. Why, as an adult, have you continued with your learning and education?
- 2. Which special people or turning points have most affected your learning or education?
- 3. How has continuing your education changed your life?
- 4. What are your future plans?

D RELEASE STATEMENT OF THE NOMINEE

I, _____, am aware that I have been nominated by my program as a candidate for the Outstanding Adult Learner Award. I understand that the attached information about me will be used by the Awards Committee. I consent to the use of such information for publicity purposes.

Signed _____

Date _____