



The Washington Education
Association's
Caucus of Native American,
Alaskan Native &
First Nations Educators

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!!!

2025-2026

**Outstanding Native Educator
of the Year Awards**

March 4, 2026

Greetings Friends and Colleagues!

The Washington Education Association's Caucus of Native American, Alaskan Native and First Nations Educators (WEA: NA.AN.FN) is proud to announce that the Caucus will officially be recognizing two deserving Native Educators of the Year again this year! (One for Certificated and one for ESPs.)

Here is how you can nominate a candidate (and our award's eligibility criteria):

Eligibility

1. The candidate must be of Native American, Alaskan Native or First Nations (Canadian Native) descent. (Indigenous South and Central American, and Caribbean Natives, and Pacific Islanders who hold a primary affiliation with our Caucus will also be considered.)
2. The member being nominated and considered must be a current active member of the Washington Education Association (either Certificated or ESP.)
3. No member of the current WEA: NA.AN.FN Executive Council will be eligible or considered.

Nomination Process

1. Every nomination must be accompanied with a completed Nomination form, at least two Letters of Support, and must be received by 11:59 pm Friday, April 17, 2026 to be considered. (Final selections will be made by a vote of the Executive Council on April 27.)
2. Letters of Support are intended to help the committee get to know the work of the candidate, and their impact on their school, colleagues, community, and most importantly, their students.
3. Preference will be given to candidates that also include a Letter (or Letters) of Support from the students that they serve. Student voice will be prioritized in this process. The student(s) can be either a current or former student who interacted with the candidate (please, no testimony from any student who may be a child, or younger sibling of the candidate.)
4. Self-nomination is allowed, but no Letters of Support may be submitted by the Candidate themselves.
5. All nominations may either be sent electronically to shawn.brehm@washingtonea.org (with the completed nomination form, and Letters of Support attached,) or via US Mail to:

WEA: NA.AN.FN
% Shawn Brehm
PO Box 371
Wellpinit, WA 99040

6. All nominations must be received no later than 11:59pm on April 17, 2026.
7. The final decisions of the WEA: NA.AN.FN Executive Council will be considered final.



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2026-2027 Outstanding Native Educator of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____ Date submitted: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Local Association: _____

Nominator's email: _____

Nominee is a WEA member: ___ Yes (non-WEA members are not eligible for this award)

The nominee is a: ___ Certificated Member ___ ESP (Classified) Member

The nominee is: ___ Native American (either enrolled or a descendent of a US tribe)

___ Alaskan Native (either enrolled or descendent of an Alaskan tribe/comm/corp)

___ First Nations (either enrolled or a descendent of a Canadian First Nation)

___ Native/Indigenous member of a Central/South American tribe*

___ Caribbean Native*

___ Pacific Islander*

(* - Their primary affiliation is with the Native American, Alaskan Native or First Nations Community)

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation: _____

Nominee's Position at the School: _____

Nominee's School email: _____

Win or Lose: Every nominee will be contacted and informed of their nomination

Initial Nomination Statement (provide a short summary on why you believe this candidate deserves the award:)

When complete, either email the completed Nomination Form, and at least two Letters of Support to shawn.brehm@washingtonea.org or send via mail to:

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No submission received after 11:59pm on Friday April 17, 2027 will be considered.