



AFT MASSACHUSETTS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM 2022

Help the AFT Massachusetts celebrate the service of an educator, librarian, nurse, or school related personnel whose leadership has made our union stronger. Nominations are now being accepted for our 2022 distinguished service awards.

Interested locals are asked to return both a cover letter signed by the local president and a one-page narrative no later than March 1, 2022, to:

AFT Massachusetts care of Jennifer Daniel, Office Manager
38 Chauncy Street, Suite 402 Boston, MA 02111

Coversheet

Nominee information

- The name, address, and mobile number
- The number of years the nominee has been an AFT Member
- Job title
- Name of the employer
- Constituency category of the awardee
 - Educators in the prek-12 system, vocational education and school collaboratives
 - Public and private higher education system, municipal librarians and nurses
 - School related-personnel (includes all non-supervisory, non-certified employees in prek-12 and vocational education schools)
 - Retired member
 - Member 35 years of age or younger or member new to the profession

Signature of the local president

- The local president must sign the coversheet certifying that the named member has received approval as an award nominee from the governing body of the local union.

Narrative

- Compose a one-page narrative highlighting the contributions of the nominee as a union activist. The narrative should detail the contributions to our union, members and community.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARD?

To provide recognition to outstanding AFT Massachusetts members who have made a significant contribution to our union, members and community.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD?

Awards will be given in each of the following five categories:

- 2 awards to an educator in the preK-12 system, vocational education and school collaboratives
- 2 awards to a member in the public or private higher education system, municipal librarian or nurse
- 2 awards to a School Related-Personnel member (which includes all non-supervisory, non-certified employees in K-12 and vocational education schools)
- 1 award to a Retired AFT Massachusetts member
- 1 award to a member 35 years of age or younger or a member new to the union

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE RECOGNIZED?

This award will acknowledge substantial contributions made to the development of the union at the state and local levels. This includes activities in one or more of the following areas of union development:

- membership building
- leadership training
- advancement of an issue important to the union
- creative problem-solving
- improving the public image of the union and its members
- political action work on behalf of the union
- union work that improves the lives and working conditions of other union members
- union activities that further professional growth on the union's members
- union-related work that positively affects the lives of those people served by the work of union members
- contributions to the community that enhance the stature of the union

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Every member of a local affiliate of AFT Massachusetts, who volunteers his or her time for the union, is eligible. For the purposes of this award, a volunteer is anyone who is not a full-time paid officer or staff representative of the local or state union. However, members who receive compensation for part-time work are eligible.

Knowing that locals want to take advantage of every opportunity to honor members for their outstanding contributions, a local may submit one nomination per category.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION?

1. Every person nominated must be a member in good standing for at least one year and have received the approval of the governing body of his or her local union.
2. A coversheet must be submitted and signed by the president of the local of which the nominee is a member. If the president is nominated, another elected officer must sign the nomination form.
3. Submit a narrative describing why the nominee is deserving of the award.
4. The nominee must be able to attend the AFT Massachusetts Convention on Saturday, May 7, 2022.
5. The coversheet and narrative must be mailed or emailed to Jennifer Daniel in the AFT Massachusetts office no later than March 1, 2022.

HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?

The AFT Massachusetts Convention Committee, a sub-committee of the AFT Massachusetts Executive Board, will review all nominations and select the Distinguished Service Award winners. The nominations will be reviewed and scored in a way that ensures anonymity of the nominees and fairness in the process.

WHAT WILL THE WINNERS RECEIVE?

The eight award recipients will be invited as guests of AFT Massachusetts and be presented with their awards during the convention on May 7, 2022.

SCORING PROCEDURE

This award is to provide recognition to outstanding AFT Massachusetts members, volunteering his or her time, who have made a significant contribution to our union and members.

To ensure that each nominee is qualified all applications must first be checked for the following:

- Nominee is not a full-time paid officer or staff representative of the local or state union
- Approval of the governing body of his or her local union

- Form is filled out completely and must include the signature of the president of his or her local (if president is nominated, another elected officer must sign)
- A narrative is provided describing why the nominee is deserving of the award
- Nominee must be able to attend AFT Massachusetts Convention
- Has activities in one or more of the following areas of union development:
 - membership building
 - leadership training
 - advancement of an issue important to the union
 - creative problem-solving
 - improving the public image of the union and its members
 - political action work on behalf of the union
 - union work that improves the lives and working conditions of other union members
 - union activities that further professional growth on the union's members
 - union-related work that positively affects the lives of those people served by the work of union members
 - contributions to the community