



AFT Massachusetts

**Distinguished
Service
Awards**

**Deadline to submit
nominations:**

Jan. 11, 2019

Call for Nominations 2019

AFT Massachusetts Distinguished Service Awards

Who will you nominate for outstanding service to our union?

Help us recognize members who have made a significant contribution to our union and members. The 2019 Distinguished Service Awards will be presented during the annual AFT Massachusetts convention on May 4, 2019, in Boston.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts Award Nomination Form

Constituency Category

Please check the appropriate circle and note the AFT Massachusetts member must be in good standing for at least one year.

- Educators in the K-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 K-12 and vocational education schools)
- Retired member
- Member 35 years of age or younger

Application Data

NOMINEE:

Name - First, Last: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Years as an active member: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Employer name: _____

Employer address: _____

Employment Description or Job Title: _____

NOMINATOR:

Name - First, Last: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Verification (completed by local president)

I certify that the named member has received approval as an AFT MA Award nominee from the governing body of this AFT MA local union.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Return the completed no later than January 11, 2019 to:

AFT Massachusetts
38 Chauncy Street, Suite 402
Boston, MA 02111

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts

Rules and Nomination Procedures

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARD?

To provide recognition to outstanding AFT Massachusetts members who have made a significant contribution to their union and its members.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD?

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

- 2 awards to an educator in the K-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

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

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Rules and Nomination Procedures (continued)

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 have received the approval of the governing body of his or her local union.
2. The nomination form must be filled out completely and must include the signature of 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 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston (Friday, May 3, 2019).
5. The nomination form must be mailed or emailed to Jennifer Daniel in the AFT Massachusetts office no later than January 11, 2019.

HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?

The AFT Massachusetts Convention Committee will review all nominations. The nominations will be reviewed and scored in a way that ensures anonymity of the nominees and fairness in the process. Selections from the Convention Committee will be announced to the AFT Massachusetts Executive Board at the January Executive Board meeting (March 16, 2019 is the snow date).

WHAT WILL THE WINNERS RECEIVE?

1. The eight award recipients will be invited to attend the 2019 AFT Massachusetts Convention on May 3, 2019 as guests of AFT Massachusetts. Each recipient may bring an additional person to the convention and will also be a guest of AFT Massachusetts. (SPECIAL NOTE: In order to be in compliance with the Landrum-Griffin Act, AFT Massachusetts cannot pay expenses of delegates to the Convention; thus, if any award recipient is a delegate to the Convention, he or she will be given the opportunity to attend another AFT function of choice as the guest of AFT Massachusetts.)
2. The eight award recipients will be presented with their awards during a general session at the Convention.

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Selection Rules and Scoring Procedures

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

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

- Application sent no later than January 11, 2019
- 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
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