



The Patricia J. Creegan Award
for Excellence in Inclusive Education
2018 Award for Education Professional
Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition

The Patricia J. Creegan Award is given annually in recognition of the life and work of its namesake, a founding member of Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition (PEAC). Patricia J. Creegan, M.S.W. was a passionate advocate for the true inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life as well as an educator, family member, and friend. "Trish" lived her life helping others as well as teaching people to help others, but sadly her life was cut short in 2009 after a valiant fight against cancer.

To encourage the continuation of her work, PEAC presents the Patricia J. Creegan Award to an education professional (teacher, administrator, related service personnel, etc.) who demonstrates outstanding commitment to and performance in inclusive education. For 2018, the award will be presented to a K-12 Educator or staff.

The winner of the Patricia J. Creegan Award receives a certificate, an honorarium, and the name of the winner will also be inscribed on an award plaque.

Criteria

Nominees for the award are expected to demonstrate excellence and originality in promoting inclusive education, as evidenced by:

- Knowledge and incorporation of best practices in inclusive education;
- Continuous efforts to evaluate and improve his or her own work in inclusive education;
- Effective collaborative relationships with colleagues;
- Effective and nurturing relationships with students; and
- Effective collaborative relationships with families.

Nomination Procedures

An individual may be nominated each academic year for consideration for the Patricia J. Creegan Award. Nominees not selected for the award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

If a PEAC board member wishes to nominate a professional, that board member may not be part of the review committee. Nominees may not be PEAC board members.

Nomination Package

Please submit *all* the following for consideration for the Patricia J. Creegan Award:

1. A letter of nomination written by the individual(s) nominating the candidate. The letter of nomination should speak to each of the criteria previously stated;
2. The nominee's resume/vita; and
3. At least one testimonial and/or letter of recommendation from a family member of an individual with a disability, a student with a disability, and/or a colleague who works with the nominee.

Timeline

The schedule for submitting and reviewing nominations is as follows:

- **September/October 2018:** An area-wide announcement is made for the solicitation of nominations for the Patricia J. Creegan Award.
- **October 12, 2018:** Nomination packets are due to PEAC. *Electronic submissions are encouraged.*
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 - Fax: GERALYN ARANGO, Search Chair, (888) 235-7245
 - Address: PEAC
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718 Arch Street, 6N
Philadelphia, PA 19106
- **October 13– October 26, 2018:** The Patricia J. Creegan Award Committee conducts its review and informs the PEAC President of its recommendation. The President then informs the awardee.
- **November 7, 2018:** The Patricia J. Creegan Award is presented to the awardee at PEAC's Annual Inclusion Conference.