ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Distinguished Clinician in Teacher Education Award

Sponsored by the M. Jane Grubb Memorial Fund and the Donna Wharton Memorial Fund

Award Description

The **Distinguished Clinician in Teacher Education (DCTE) Award** honors school-based teacher educators whose exemplary work in clinical settings strengthens teaching practice and supports the preparation and development of effective teachers. This award underscores ATE's recognition of the school as the principal environment for advancing effective teaching and highlights the critical role of clinicians in guiding both preservice and practicing teachers.

The award is presented in four divisions:

- **Division I – The M. Jane Grubb Award**
  For educators who combine classroom teaching with the supervision of preservice teachers.
  Established in 1995 in honor of ATE Distinguished Member Jane Grubb, a school-based educator from Lincoln, Nebraska.
- **Division II**
  For educators who combine classroom teaching with the mentoring of other teachers.
- **Division III – The Donna Wharton Award**
  For school district employees whose primary role is staff development and/or in-service teacher education.
  Established in 1996 in honor of Donna Wharton, the first recipient of the Distinguished Clinician Award, a school-based educator from Phoenix, Arizona.
- **Division IV**
  For university faculty whose primary responsibility is mentoring and professional development of preservice and classroom teachers in professional development schools.

An award may be given annually in each division.

Eligibility and Expectations

- Nominees must be **nominated by a State Affiliate or an ATE member**
- Nominees must have primary work responsibilities in **P–12 schools** and demonstrate excellence in one of the following roles:
  - **Division I**: Classroom teacher and supervisor of preservice teachers
  - **Division II**: Classroom teacher and mentor of other teachers
  - **Division III**: School district employee in staff development/in-service teacher education

  - **Division IV**: University faculty mentoring preservice and classroom teachers in professional development schools
- Clinicians should also demonstrate excellence in:
  - Helping teachers apply the pedagogy of effective teaching
  - Establishing systems for teaching skill development
  - Promoting reflective teaching and self-analysis
  - Employing exemplary coaching/mentoring techniques
  - Demonstrating other outstanding supervisory qualities
- Recipients are expected to **register for and attend** the ATE Annual Meeting the year they are honored.

Nomination and Application Process

Nominations must come from **State Affiliates or ATE members**. State Affiliates are encouraged to establish their own DCTE awards to identify strong candidates for national consideration.

A complete nomination packet (maximum 30 pages) must include:

1. **Demographic Information** for both nominee and nominator:
   - Nominee: name, home address, phone number, employing school name/address, job title and description of duties, dates of employment, immediate supervisor and school administrator names/addresses
   - Nominator: name, ATE or State Affiliate position, home and business addresses, phone numbers
2. **Letter of Nomination** from an ATE member or State Affiliate official
3. **Reflective Statement** (max 3 pages) by the nominee on their performance and effectiveness as a clinician
4. **Professional Resume** with a chronological listing of educational experiences, positions held, and professional activities
5. **Letters of Support** (minimum 3, maximum 10) from students, supervisors, peers, or professional colleagues
6. **Supporting Documentation** (maximum 10 pages) that demonstrates coaching/mentoring effectiveness and outstanding contributions, which may include:
   - Newspaper articles, award certificates, commendations
   - Program materials developed by the nominee
   - Student testimonials, photos, or video stills
7. **Photograph** (professional headshot in PNG or JPEG format for publication)

Review Process

For the 2025 cycle, nominations will be reviewed by the **ATE Past Presidents**.

Timeline and Notification

- **Submission Deadline**: September 15 at 11:59 PM (EST)
- **Notification of Award**: Mid November

How to Apply

- **Submit application material through the awards submission linked below:**
  Awards Submission Form

Questions

Please direct inquiries to: **info@ate1.org**