ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Hans C. Olsen Distinguished Teacher Educator Award

Sponsored by the Robert Schuck Fund

Award Description

The **Hans C. Olsen Distinguished Teacher Educator Award** honors individuals whose contributions to the preparation of teachers merit special recognition. Recipients exemplify excellence in teaching, leadership, scholarship, and service that strengthen teacher education.

- Typically **one** recipient is selected each year; **no more than two** may be honored.
- The award is supported by the **Hans C. Olsen Memorial Fund**, established in 2012 by the estate of Hans C. Olsen—ATE President (1973–74), ATE Distinguished Member, charter member and longtime Chair of LFTE, and Professor of Education at the University of Houston.

Award History

Established in 2012 through the Hans C. Olsen Memorial Fund to commemorate Olsen's decades of leadership in ATE and LFTE, his mentorship of emerging leaders, and his advocacy for excellence in teacher preparation.

Eligibility and Expectations

- ATE membership for at least 10 years
- Nomination by ATE members in good standing
- Primary professional role in a college/university, government education agency, or a council/board dedicated to improving teaching
- Functions primarily as one or more of the following:
    - Teacher of preservice, inservice, and/or graduate students
    - Program developer, researcher, or administrator in teacher education
- Recipients are expected to register for and attend the ATE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in the year they are honored

Nomination and Application Process

Submit a single PDF nomination packet (maximum 30 pages) that includes:

1. **Nominee Information**: Name; employer and address; job title; brief description of responsibilities; phone; email
2. **Standards-Based Evidence** (respond to **all seven standards** below). Evidence may include:
    - Professional résumé/CV
    - Letters of support (e.g., state ATE unit, colleagues, students)
    - Course evaluations
    - A statement of the nominee's philosophy of teacher education and how it relates to

professional goals and accomplishments

- Presentations, publications, and documentation of innovative programs/practices designed or implemented by the nominee

Standards for a Distinguished Teacher Educator

1. **Models exemplary teaching** that reflects current best practices (knowledge, skills, dispositions).
2. **Engages in scholarship** that advances understanding of teaching, learning, and/or teacher education.
3. **Pursues continuous professional growth**, systematically inquiring into and reflecting on practice.
4. **Leads high-quality teacher education programs** that embrace diversity; are rigorous, relevant, and grounded in evidence.
5. **Collaborates across contexts** (schools, universities, state agencies, professional associations, communities) to improve teaching and teacher education.
6. **Advocates effectively** for high-quality education for all students and for public understanding of educational issues and the preparation of teachers.
7. **Strengthens the profession**, with particular contributions through **ATE**.

Review Process

- Nominations are evaluated against the seven standards above.
- **Committee responsibility**: Honors and Awards Sub-Committee of the Educational Programs & Planning Committee.

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

Email inquiries to: **info@ate1.org**