

# NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## New England Board of Higher Education 2013 New England Higher Education Excellence Awards

### Nomination Guidelines

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) is pleased to announce its eleventh annual New England Higher Education Excellence Awards. Four regional awards will be presented to individuals and organizations from higher education, government and business sectors that exemplify excellence in higher education in one or more of the following areas: leadership, innovation, diversity, partnerships/collaborations or educational opportunity. In addition, there will be six state merit awards—one in each of the New England states—presented to an individual, program, organization, institution or business for exemplifying, through their work, excellence in promoting college readiness and success for the students of New England.

#### Regional Awards

##### **1) The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership**

- Presented to an individual from the government sector (a governor, state or federal legislator, mayor or city/state official).
- Must be considered as a lifetime achievement award for government officials.
- Must have demonstrated superior leadership in support of higher education, public policy or the advancement of higher educational opportunity (i.e., introduction of legislation or policies that benefit higher education).

##### **2) The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement**

- Presented to an individual from the academic or business sectors.
- Must have consistently been dedicated in his/her efforts on behalf of higher education and affected his/her community in positive ways.
- Must have been previously recognized and awarded for his/her work in higher education.

##### **3) The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement**

- Presented to a program, organization, institution or business.
- Must have demonstrated innovative solutions to challenges facing New England higher education.
- Must be dedicated to issues such as access and affordability, including being committed to the advancement of the underrepresented populations in higher education.

##### **4) The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship**

- Presented to a person who is currently serving or formerly served as a trustee on the board of a New England college, university, higher education system or state governing board.
- Must have an outstanding record of accomplishment as a trustee.
- Must be dedicated to promoting the relationship between higher education and the New England economy.

#### State Merit Awards

**One award is presented to an individual, program, organization, institution or business in each of the six New England states—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.**

The six State Merit Awards will be presented to individuals, programs, organizations, institutions or businesses that promote NEBHE's mission and readiness, access and success in higher education through their work.

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### **Who Should Be Nominated\*\***

Individuals, programs, organizations, institutions and businesses considered for nomination should exemplify NEBHE's mission through their accomplishments.

NEBHE's mission is to promote greater educational opportunities and services for the residents of New England by:

- Engaging and assisting leaders in the assessment, development and implementation of sound education practices and policies of regional significance.
- Promoting policies, programs and best practices to assist the states in implementing important regional higher education policies.
- Promoting regional cooperation and programs that encourage the efficient use and sharing of educational resources.
- Providing leadership to strengthen the relationship between higher education and the economic well-being of New England.

Individuals nominated for a Regional Award should have spent a significant portion of their time working with programs, organizations, institutions and/or businesses located in New England, while individuals nominated for a State Merit Award should have spent a significant portion of their time working with programs, organizations, institutions and/or businesses located in the state in which they are being nominated.

***\*\*Any individual who is currently a NEBHE Board member or an employee of NEBHE will not be eligible to receive an award.***

### **Submitting Nominations**

All sections of the nomination form must be completed, or the nomination will not be processed. Nominations must be submitted through our website [www.nebhe.org/excellence2013](http://www.nebhe.org/excellence2013) by **Friday, August 31, 2012**.

A complete nomination is composed of:

- Nominator's contact information.
- Nominee's contact information.
- Narrative statement (why this individual, program, organization or business is being nominated).
- Program description (if applicable)
- Summary of accomplishments, curriculum vitae and/or resume.
- Statements of support (optional).

### **Nomination Selection and Announcement**

The Executive Committee of the New England Board of Higher Education will review the nominations in September 2012. Recipients will be announced in October 2012, and presentations of the awards will be made at NEBHE's New England Higher Education Excellence Awards dinner in March 2013 at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Contact**

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