

# 2023 Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth Excellence in Education Award

In order to celebrate our ICEARY membership and our collective commitment to living the mission of advocacy and service to at-risk youth, the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth is proud to announce the 2023 Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth Excellence in Education Award.

The 2023 ICEARY Excellence in Education Award will recognize the exemplary service of an individual dedicated to at-risk youth. This individual could be a truancy officer, teacher, administrator, paraprofessional, superintendent, secretary, student advocate, custodian, social worker, food service employee, counselor ... the list of potential nominees is long. The ideal candidate for an ICEARY Excellence in Education Award performs their job in an exemplary manner, provides strong leadership in efforts to support at-risk youth, and:

- Creates environments of relationship, connection, and belonging for at-risk youth and families
- Develops and initiates active learning to help at-risk students find new and creative ways to solve problems, achieve success, and become life-long learners
- Works to further service and/or advocacy for at-risk students at the classroom, school, district, region, state, national or international level

Most importantly, this educator is an exemplary facilitator of learning and ensures that students receive unconditional love and endless belief. This individual represents the very best of our profession and exemplifies our mission.

## Eligibility

In order to be eligible for consideration, nominees must:

- Be a professional dedicated to exemplary service of at-risk youth
- Have at least two years of experience serving at-risk youth
- Be a current member of ICEARY

## Nomination Procedure

Please complete the nomination form and a 1-3 page recommendation letter. These documents must be submitted to Karen Tiemann by 5:00 pm on February 4th, 2023 (ktiemann@west40.org).

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Please submit all nominations by 5 pm on February 4th, 2023

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ ICEARY Region #: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the Illinois Coalition for Educating for At-Risk Youth 2023 Excellence in Education Award.

Is the nominee a current member of ICEARY? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No)  
(One criterion for nominees requires active membership in ICEARY.)

How many years of service does the nominee have serving at-risk youth? \_\_\_\_\_  
(One criterion for nominees requires a minimum of two years of service with at-risk youth.)

Nominee grants permission for photo and nomination materials to be re-printed/posted in all ICEARY media outlets, press releases or publications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Nominee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## Excellence in Education Award Nomination Essays

Please describe the nominee in terms of the following criteria. Please limit the responses to no more than three pages and submit by February 4th, 2023.

### Essay questions

1. Please describe how the nominee works to create a sense of emotional safety, connection, and belonging for at-risk youth and families.
2. Please describe how the nominee works to develop and initiate active learning to help at-risk students find new and creative ways to solve problems, achieve success, and become lifelong learners.
3. Please describe how the nominee furthers service and or advocacy for at-risk students at the classroom, school, district, region, state, national or international level.
4. If there are any other factors that would distinguish this nominee from others, please feel free to include those factors in the conclusion of the written nomination.

### Submission

Please email nominations and 2 photos of each nominee to: Karen Tiemann at [ktiemann@west40.org](mailto:ktiemann@west40.org)

Please direct any questions to Karen at 708.990.8374 or email [ktiemann@west40.org](mailto:ktiemann@west40.org).

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Many thanks for the effort to recognize and celebrate the best of our profession!

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# Nomination Scoring Rubric for Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth Excellence in Education Award

Essay questions Submission					
	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	Total Score
Evidence that the nominee has <b>created environments of relationship, connection, and belonging</b> for at-risk youth and families.	Limited evidence with <b>little impact</b> for youth and families	Some evidence with <b>some positive impact</b> for youth and or a families	Much evidence demonstrating the <b>positive change in a life or a family</b>	Great evidence with impact to <b>many lives and/or systems</b>	
Evidence that the nominee worked to <b>develop and initiate active learning to help</b> at-risk students <b>find new and creative ways to solve problems, achieve success,</b> and become <b>lifelong learners.</b>	Limited evidence with <b>little impact</b> for youth and families	Some evidence with <b>some positive impact</b> for youth and or a families	Much evidence demonstrating the <b>positive change in a life or a family</b>	Great evidence with impact to <b>many lives and/or systems</b>	
Evidence that the nominee has demonstrated <b>leadership in service and/or advocacy</b> for at-risk students at the school, district, state, national or international level.	Limited evidence with <b>little impact</b> for youth and families	Some evidence with <b>some positive impact</b> for youth and or a families	Much evidence demonstrating the <b>positive change in a life or a family</b>	Great evidence with impact to <b>many lives and/or systems</b>	
Evidence of <b>“other” distinguishing factors</b> that speak to exemplary service to at-risk youth and the mission of ICEARY.	Limited evidence with <b>little impact</b> for youth and families	Some evidence with <b>some positive impact</b> for youth and or a families	Much evidence demonstrating the <b>positive change in a life or a family</b>	Great evidence with impact to <b>many lives and/or systems</b>	

This rubric will give the evaluators a framework for preparing an objective review of submissions. In the event that there is a tie in the rubric scoring, a second evaluation will be used that reflects the range of impact made by the nominee. The evaluation team will review submissions by region and then select one individual to be the recipient of the award.

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