

Guidelines for the  
Maine Education Association

# HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD

**PURPOSE:**

To recognize individual members, local affiliates, individual students, or student organizations who have demonstrated outstanding dedication in promoting human and civil rights for students and citizens of the State of Maine.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

Any individual or group who meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Promote appreciation for diversity with regard to socioeconomic status, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic origin, or citizenship status.
2. Work to eliminate discriminatory or abusive behavior toward groups and individuals.
3. Help schools develop programs that encourage tolerance and teach students to refrain from name calling, stereotyping, and fighting.
4. Display creativity, determination, and perseverance in achieving human and civil rights goals.
5. Establish an ongoing program or institution for the improvement of human relations and civil rights.

**PROCEDURE:**

The awards nomination form must be received by the MEA President by **March 7, 2020**. Each nomination form must be signed by an MEA member.

**FINAL SELECTION:**

MEA Board of Directors. Award recipients will be notified through the office of the MEA President. (In any given year, this award may not be presented.)

**PRESENTATION:**

Announcement of the recipient of the MEA Human and Civil Rights Award will be made at the MEA Representative Assembly.