



2026 PACTESP

Eleanor “Ellie” Bicanich Lifetime Achievement Award

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTIONS

OBJECTIVE

This award is intended to recognize and honor an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, leadership, and lifelong commitment to advancing the success and inclusion of special populations within career and technical education (CTE). This award celebrates a distinguished career of service, advocacy, and significant contributions that have positively impacted students, educators, and the broader community, reflecting the enduring legacy and visionary spirit of Eleanor Bicanich.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

Nominees may be educators, administrators, policymakers, or other professionals who have demonstrated a profound and lasting commitment to the mission and values of special populations in CTE exemplified by Eleanor Bicanich. The nominee must meet the following criteria:

- **Professional Impact:** Demonstrated a lifelong commitment to advancing the education, success, and inclusion of special populations within CTE.
- **Leadership:** Provided exemplary leadership and advocacy for special populations, influencing positive change at the local, state, or national level.
- **Service and Dedication:** A career marked by sustained service, mentorship, and dedication to enhancing opportunities for students and professionals in CTE.
- **Innovation and Contribution:** Developed or contributed to innovative programs, resources, or initiatives that have significantly benefited special populations in CTE.
- **Recognition and Influence:** Earned respect and recognition from peers, students, and the broader educational community for their contributions and impact on CTE and special populations.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The PACTESP Board recognizes the personal dedication that is represented by each nomination. Following are the requirements for submission:

- The nominator must be a current PACTESP member.
- Each section in the nomination application must be answered in the space provided.
- The nominator should provide sufficient information for the review committee to evaluate the application fairly.
- Additional supporting documentation and letters of support may also be provided after the application form has been submitted. Email documents to info@pactesp.org.

NOMINATOR INSTRUCTIONS

The nominator will provide the following information.

- Describe how the nominee has shown a lifelong commitment to advancing the education, success, and inclusion of special populations in CTE.
- Detail how the nominee has exhibited exemplary leadership and advocacy for special populations, driving positive change at the local, state, or national level.
- Highlight specific examples of the nominee’s sustained service, mentorship, and dedication to creating opportunities for students and professionals in CTE.
- Explain how the nominee has developed or contributed to innovative programs, resources, or initiatives that have significantly benefited special populations in CTE.
- Describe how the nominee has earned respect and recognition from peers, students, and the broader educational community for their impactful contributions to CTE and special populations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact PACTESP with any questions at info@pactesp.org. This nomination application must be submitted by **January 9, 2026**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the nomination application.