Greetings State Educational Directors,

IC Convention is over and fall is in the air.  I will be working with you this year as IC Educational Director and I am looking forward to hearing all about your educational programs. I would like to share your Educationals in the ESA News and will welcome your input of ideas and the great programs your chapters have in mind throughout the year.

I know that each one of you are “Unique” and will promote Educational programs, presentations and mini-workshops at council meetings or leadership meetings. You might want to ask your state president and see if this is something he or she may want you to share at a meeting.

It's simple and easy to access Education information on the IC website. This information can also be shared with the chapters in your state. The steps are as follows:

* Go to [www.esaintl.com](http://www.esaintl.com/)
* Select IC Council
* Select Forms
* Select Educational
* Find the following: Educational Award Definitions; Educational Report Form; Educational Form RTF Format; Gold Seal Merit Judging Form; Maie L. Wells Form
* Click on the forms you wish to print

Programs that need to be promoted in your state this year:

**Top Ten Educational Awards**

Ten notable outstanding programs are recognized each year at the International Council Convention as the Top Ten Educational Awards. This award is one of the most prestigious awards ESA bestows. It recognizes not only distinguished program work but also the winning chapter's contribution to their state's educational status. The requirements include:

* Programs must be of outstanding educational value
* Subject matter must be carefully thought out with an idea-thread binding together each section of the year's program
* Program presentation must be original and interest holding with as much group participation as possible
* Entry must contain a summary of points emphasized at each meeting and a complete bibliography. copies of research material as given also must accompany the entry
* Appearance of entry should be finished for exhibition to judges. Judging will be based on subject matter, program depth, neatness and arrangement
* To be eligible for this award, the competing chapter must have submitted all program reports in time to meet the state deadline

**Maie L. Wells Award**

This award is for distinguished educational service. It is presented annually at the International Council Convention to ESA's Most Outstanding State Educational Director. Nominations should give a comprehensive review of accomplishments, including copies of letters sent to chapters, articles and accounts of contacts that have been made with chapter educational directors within the state and new ideas the director has been tryng to initiate in state educational work. The deadline for entries is set by the IC Educational Director.

**Distingushed Athenian Service Award**

This is one of the most exclusive awards from ESA. Only one such award may be presented each year in a state. Each state educational director selects one chapter educational director "who has gone beyond the call of duty in service to the ESA educational field." The winner is named at the state convention and receives a special certificate from Headquarters. To be eligible for this award, a chapter educational director must have "rendered some important educational service" to the chapter, to the community and to the state council, contributing notable value to the state's educational expansion. Nominations from the chapters must be sent to their respective state educational director by the deadline. The nominations must include a brief description of the special educational accomplishments, which qualify the chapter educational director for the award.

**Gold Link Award**

Each state is endeavoring to forge an educational chain of gold links through a perfect record of reporting. Every chapter, which sends in a minimum of six program reports on time to its state educational director during the year, receives a Gold Link Award. These certificates are completed and awarded by the state educational director.

If you should have any questions and/or concerns relative to the educational awards or the reporting forms, please feel free to contact me at sherrylsugg@gmail.com

or phone me at 270-784-1966. I am here to help you. Let this “Unique” year begin.

I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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