

## Member-In-Politics Award in Honor of Ted Bass

### Procedure

- A. Service Center Councils, Chapters, and Members are encouraged to submit a nominee or nominees from their chapter who has made an outstanding contribution to member political action. Nominations can be completed online no later than January 31, 2025 deadline.
- B. Each nominee will be awarded a certificate. The certificates will be prepared by CTA and forwarded to the SCC chairpersons for presentation to the nominees at an appropriate SCC event.
- C. The Awards Committee will screen and assess all information received about the nominees and will select one person from among those nominated to receive the award. Additionally, The Awards Committee may give up to five other awards for specific single-issue contributions.
- D. The individual selected will be honored at the spring State Council of Education during the Political Involvement Committee meeting. The overall winner will be presented with the Member-In-Politics Award.

### Guidelines

- A. Nominees must be active members who devote their time, energy, and expertise to promoting member-participation in the political process.
- B. What political activities has the nominee performed which would qualify for the Member- In-Politics Award for the 2024 calendar year? Recent political activity is necessary to qualify, but past work is important for providing background information. Information should be provided about the following:
  - Getting members involved in political activities.
  - Involvement in statewide CTA legislative/political priority activities in areas such as school finance, political campaigns, and initiatives.
  - Involvement in local CTA priorities such as campaigns of recommended candidates, school board elections, political training workshops, legislative newsletters, or organizing chapter political action committees.
  - Involvement in partisan and/or nonpartisan political activities at the local, state, and/or federal level in campaigns of "friends of education" or "educationally- related" issue campaigns and including personal candidacy for public office.

- Involvement in coalition-building, including coalitions which work on single issues such as ballot measures, or long-term political coalitions with such groups as public employees and school-related organizations.
- C. What specific impact did the above activities have on one or more of the following groups or organizations?
- Members
  - Chapters
  - The Service Center Council
  - CTA
  - NEA
  - The Community

**NOTE: Individuals can only receive the overall award once but can receive single issue awards any year.**