November 1, 2021

TO: CTA Chapter Presidents
    Service Center Council Chairpersons

FROM: E. Toby Boyd, President
      California Teachers Association

SUBJECT:  2021 MEMBER-IN-POLITICS
          AWARD IN HONOR OF TED BASS

The California Teachers Association is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the annual Member-In-Politics Award Program in Honor of Ted Bass.

With the approval of the State Council of Education and the CTA Board of Directors, this tribute to Ted Bass was inaugurated in 1972. The award is designed to honor CTA members for their outstanding contributions to their colleagues throughout the state through effective use of the political process.

Member involvement in politics is crucial to our success. Recognizing and rewarding involvement will ensure continued and increased involvement in the future. This process gives you an opportunity to have your member’s political activism recognized.

At the state level, one member will be chosen to receive the annual "Member-In-Politics" award. The Awards Committee may give up to five other awards for specific single-issue contributions. Each chapter is encouraged to select one nominee for submission. Each of the nominees will receive a "Member-In-Politics" certificate, to be presented to the nominees at a future meeting of the Service Center Council (SCC).

The Awards Committee will select the 2021 “Member-In-Politics” winners from among the nominees submitted. The award period extends from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The awards will be presented to the winners at the spring State Council meeting.

If your chapter would like to submit a nominee for consideration, carefully review the attached guidelines, complete the nomination form (also attached), along with the additional information requested and email to tcampa@cta.org by Friday, February 4, 2022. You may also mail to the CTA Governmental Relations office and must be postmarked no later than the February 4, 2022 deadline.
The SCC Chairs will be notified of award recipients. If the chapter also submitted a Request for Certificate, the certificate will be sent to the SCC chair for presentation.

Please note the guidelines and nomination form are also available on the CTA website.

cc: CTA Board of Directors
    CTA State Council Members

Attachments:
Guidelines
Nomination Form
Request for Certificate
I. PURPOSE

To recognize, as a tribute to the late Ted Bass, CTA Political Consultant, an outstanding member in politics for their contribution to the education profession through political action.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Chapters are encouraged to submit one nominee from their chapter who has made an outstanding contribution to member political action. Each chapter president will be provided a nomination form for this purpose. Nominations can be submitted via email to tcampa@cta.org by February 4, 2022 or you may mail to CTA Governmental Relations, Attn: Tony Campa, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and must be postmarked no later than February 4, 2022 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 by the CTA State Council of Education at its spring meeting as the "Member-In-Politics of the Year."

The Member-In-Politics of the Year winner will be presented the Member-In-Politics Award.
III. 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 2021 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 may only receive the overall state award one time, but can receive single issue awards any year.
IV. TIMELINES

A. Email nominations to tcampa@cta.org by February 4, 2022 (one per chapter). You may also submit to CTA Governmental Relations, Attn: Tony Campa, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and must be postmarked no later than February 4, 2022 deadline.

B. The Awards Committee will select the winner.

C. The nominee certificate will be mailed to the SCC chairperson as requested.

D. The presentation of the Member-In-Politics Award will occur at the spring meeting of the CTA State Council of Education.
2021 MEMBER-IN-POLITICS AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

This nomination form is to be completed by the Chapter President (one per chapter) and sent to the CTA Governmental Relations Department by February 4, 2022.

NAME OF NOMINEE: __________________________________________________________

CHAPTER: _________________________________________________________________

DIRECTORIAL DISTRICT: ____________________________________________________

NOMINEE’S SCHOOL NAME: ________________________________________________

NOMINEE’S TEACHING ASSIGNMENT: _______________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ ZIP: ________________________________

HOME PHONE: (_____) ___________ SCHOOL PHONE: (_____) ________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR:

A.  [ ] Overall Member-In-Politics Award

B.  Categorical Awards. Check any of those that apply:

[ ] Getting Others Involved  [ ] State Priorities  [ ] Local Priorities

[ ] Partisan/Non-Partisan Activities  [ ] Coalition Building

Signature of Chapter President: ______________________________________________

(MUST BE SIGNED)

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: (_____) ______________ School Phone: (_____) ____________________

Service Center Council: ____________________________________________________

See additional pages of this form for information to be included in support of this nomination.
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

A. Nominees should be active members devoting their time, energy, and expertise to promoting teacher participation in the political process. What political activities has the nominee performed which would qualify for the Member-In-Politics Award for the 2021 calendar year? Information should include any or all of the following: (Be specific. Attach any additional supporting materials at the end of the application.)

1. Getting members involved in political activities.

2. Involvement in statewide CTA legislative/political priority activities in areas such as school finance, political campaigns, and initiatives.

3. Involvement in local CTA priorities such as campaigns of endorsed candidates, school board elections, political training workshops, legislative newsletters, or organizing chapter political action committees.
4. Involvement in partisan and/or non-partisan political activities at the local, state, and/or federal level in campaigns of "friends of education" or "educationally-related issue campaigns," including personal candidacy for public office.

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5. Involvement in coalition building around single issues such as ballot measures, or long-term coalitions (i.e., public employee, school community).

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6. What specific impact did the above activities have on either/or teachers, the chapter, SCC, CTA, NEA, and the community?

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7. Past political activities (prior to 2021):

Note: It is not necessary to attach supporting documents, but it would help in the selection process.
CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
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IN HONOR OF TED BASS

Request for Certificate

DIRECTIONS: This form is to be completed by the Chapter President or Service Center Council chairperson and emailed to tcampa@cta.org, along with the nomination form by February 4, 2022. You may also mail and must be postmarked no later than February 4, 2022 deadline to CTA Governmental Relations, Attn: Tony Campa, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

To be presented to: __________________________________________
(Please Print Full Name with initial)

(CTA Chapter Name)

By: __________________________________________
(Service Center Council)

Date scheduled for presentation: ________________________________

Certificate to be sent to: _____________________________________
(Name of Service Center Council Chairperson)

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(Address)

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(City) (Zip)

Home Phone: ( )__________________ Cell Phone: ( )__________________

Email Address: ________________________________

California Teachers Association, Governmental Relations Department,
Attn: Tony Campa, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814