



National Association for Alternative Certification
2018 Awards Recognizing Outstanding New Educators
Prepared through Non-traditional Teacher Preparation Programs

Nominate outstanding interns, new teachers and residents by June 2!

NAAC is pleased to announce the 2018 competition for awards recognizing interns, new teachers and residents who are participating in, or have recently completed, a non-traditional teacher preparation program. The three awards are the NAAC Award, the Haberman Award, and the Bill Smith Award. Nominees should be exemplary teachers who show passion and commitment to the success of every student.

Important Dates

Nominations Due: **June 2, 2017**

Finalist Videos Due: **October 1, 2017**

Attend NAAC Annual Conference: **March 2018 (date and location to be announced)**

Eligibility Requirements

- a. Nominees must be nominated by a current NAAC member.
- b. Nominees must currently be an intern/AC teacher candidate, or have completed an alternative certification/licensure program within the last year (no earlier than Spring semester/quarter 2016).
- c. Nominees must be available to attend the NAAC Annual Conference in March 2018 (date and location to be announced). The award can only be granted to winners who agree to, and actually attend, the full two-and-a-half day conference (one day attendance does not qualify). During the awards presentation, winners will be expected to give a speech of approximately five minutes about their experiences in the classroom as a new educator.

Guidelines

Review the eligibility requirements above, scoring rubric, and expectations of winners, and download the nomination form (on the NAAC website). Then mail your nomination packet including:

- a. Completed nomination form
- b. Written statement of about two pages explaining **your reasons for selecting teaching as a profession and your reasons for selecting an alternative route to certification**
- c. Three letters of recommendation on letterhead from the Program Director (or program designee) of your AC/Licensure program, your principal or site evaluator, and one other source. The letters should provide a strong and clear endorsement of your teaching skills.
- d. Submit the above by **June 2, 2017** to: Judy Corcillo, Executive Director, NAAC, 3727 Warren St. NW, Washington, DC 20016
- e. For questions, call Judy Corcillo at 202-277-3600

Finalists

- a. Five finalists will be selected and invited to submit a video (NO LONGER than 10 minutes) showing the teacher interacting with students in a classroom setting. The video should successfully portray the candidate's teaching skills, the student's level of engagement, and the learning environment. Finalists will also submit a one-page synopsis of the video submitted that sets the stage for the lesson portrayed. The written description should explain the reason behind teaching the specific lesson, what events have led to the specific teaching style and tools, and the expected goals for student learning. The video must be submitted on a flash drive or DVD and will be a significant part of the judging. Videos may be shown at the 2018 conference as part of a general session.

Expectations of Winners

1. Winners must attend the NAAC Annual Conference in March 2018. Winners must make their own travel arrangements and may submit a request for reimbursement from NAAC of up to \$500. Travel costs will be reimbursed upon completion of the conference. Any additional travel costs must be covered by the winner or his/her alternative certification program.
2. Winners are expected to give a speech of no more than 5 minutes during the award presentation ceremony. Winners must submit a copy of their speech and any powerpoint slides to the NAAC executive director by February 17, 2018. Winners must have consent to use images of any children in their powerpoint presentation.