



National Association for Alternative Certification
2020 Awards Recognizing Outstanding New Educators Prepared
through Non-traditional Teacher Preparation Programs

Nominate outstanding interns, new teachers and residents!

NAAC is pleased to announce the 2020 competition for awards recognizing outstanding 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 15, 2019**

Finalist Videos Due: **November 1, 2019**

Attend NAAC Annual Conference: Week of **April 11, 2020** (*Specifics date TBD*)

Eligibility Requirements

1. Nominees must be nominated by a current NAAC member.
2. 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 2018).
3. Nominees must be available to attend the NAAC Annual Conference, in Seattle, Washington, during the week of **April 11, 2020. The award can only be granted to winners who agree to, and actually attend, the full conference** (one day attendance does not qualify). During the award 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 email your nomination packet files including:

1. Completed nomination form file. NOTE: This form is a fillable PDF. Type in your answers, then save the file to your computer with *your name* in the file name.
2. 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.**
3. 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.
4. Submit the all of the above files by **June 15, 2019**, to the NAAC Office: info@alternativecertification.org.
5. For questions, email the NAAC office or call at (727) 940-2658 x 2006.

Finalists

1. 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 tolls, and the expected goals for student learning. The video must be submitted as an MP4 file and will be a significant part of the judging. Videos may be shown at the 2020 conference as part of a general session. Email the NAAC office when ready to submit, and an upload link for this file will be sent to you.

Expectations of Winners

1. Winners **must attend** the NAAC Annual Conference, week of April 11, 2020, in Seattle, WA. 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 and PowerPoint presentation of no more than 5 minutes during the award presentation ceremony. Winners must submit a copy of their speech and PowerPoint slides to the NAAC office by **March 1, 2020**, by emailing info@alternativecertification.org. Winners must have consent to use images of any children in their PowerPoint presentation.