2027 Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Educator Preparation

About the Award

This award, overseen by the Executive Committee, recognizes outstanding contributions to educator preparation, either through distinguished service to the educator preparation community or through the development and promotion of outstanding practices in educator preparation at the collegiate, state, or national level. It is named for Edward C. Pomeroy, who was AACTE's executive director from 1952 to 1980.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The Pomeroy Award is given to a person or persons who have made exceptional contributions to AACTE or to a national or state organization involved in educator preparation, or who are responsible for the development of exemplary educator preparation initiatives.

The award typically is presented to a single individual, although under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Board of Directors, it may be awarded to multiple individuals; to an organization; or to a school, college, or department of education. While AACTE membership is not a requirement, preference is given to persons, organizations, or institutions that hold membership within the association.

The Pomeroy Award is presented annually, but the award committee may defer the award in any given year; however, it may not be deferred for more than a single year. Individuals may not nominate themselves.

The selection criteria include evidence of outstanding contributions in one or more of the following:

- Distinguished service to the educator preparation community;
- The development and promotion of outstanding practices in educator preparation at the collegiate, state, or national level; and
- Exceptional contributions to AACTE.
- Competitive preference will be given to submissions that align with AACTE's strategic priority related to Advocating for High-Quality Educator Preparation.

Submission Requirements

All entries must be made through AACTE's online submissions site. Application materials for this award must include:

- A 300-word biographical sketch of the nominee;
- One or more letters of support describing how the nominee fulfills the selection criteria listed above; and
- The nominee's curriculum vitae.

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Click here for nomination form

Entry Deadline: October 9, 2026