



## MAINE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 MEEEOA Rising Star Award. This award was developed in 2013 by the Executive Committee and Alumni Committee to identify emerging professionals who are former participants of Maine's educational opportunity programs. This award allows our state to recognize Rising Stars who are just beginning to make an impact in their careers and communities. The Rising Star Award honors emerging leaders who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and serve as a role model for other economically disadvantaged, first generation college bound students and students with disabilities. MEEEOA Rising Star nominees should be worthy of the distinction and possess all of the following attributes:

- Demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in his or her profession.
- Has an Associates or Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, or be an outstanding senior-level student in an associate or baccalaureate program.
- Engages in or is developing a leadership role in civic, community, or professional development activities.
- Has participated in an educational opportunity program that has had a significant impact upon their ability to achieve educational and/or professional objectives (as acknowledged by the participant).

A nomination form is enclosed. In your nomination letter, please address the four points in the above criteria to ensure that your nominee is eligible. Note that you may make nominations outside your project or program. Also please note, it is necessary for your nominee to write a brief statement (500 words or less) acknowledging the impact of the educational opportunity program on his or her academic and/or professional lives. This statement must be submitted with your nomination form. In addition, for the nomination to be valid, the nominator must be a 2019-2020 MEEEOA member. If you have any questions regarding your membership in our association please feel free to email ***Kate Walsh, MEEEOA Membership Chair*** ([kevit@maine.edu](mailto:kevit@maine.edu)).

All submissions for the MEEEOA Achiever Award must be received in full by **November 8, 2019**. Award winners will be selected and notified in December. The awards presentation will take place during the MEEEOA Annual Conference (January 9-10) in Bar Harbor, Maine at the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel & Events Center.



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### ***MEEOA Rising Star Nomination Criteria***

1. The individual is an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in his or her profession.
2. The individual has received an Associates or Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, or be an outstanding senior-level student in an associate or baccalaureate program.
3. The individual engages in or is developing a leadership role in civic, community, or professional development activities.
4. The individual has participated in an educational opportunity program that has had a significant impact upon their ability to achieve educational and/or professional objectives (as acknowledged by the participant).

### ***MEEOA Rising Star Application Packet***

- The application cover page (attached).*
- A letter of nomination. This letter should address each of the four points listed in the nomination criteria.*
- A written statement (500 words or less) from the candidate outlining the impact participation in the educational opportunity program had on his or her educational and/or professional objectives.*
- A one to two page resume, vitae, or statement indicating educational background, professional employment, academic and/or professional honors, professional, community, or civic contributions and other information pertinent to the nomination.*
- A Digital Photo - if possible for our Conference Booklet!*
- Deadline: All application materials must be received in full by November 8, 2019.***

Send your application materials to:  
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**2020 MEEOA RISING STAR AWARD APPLICATION**

***Personal Information***

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Educational Opportunity Program Participation***

*Project:* \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director or Counselor during Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_