



**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER AWARD
NOMINATION CRITERIA**

The North Carolina Cooperative Education Association (NCCEA) will recognize an Outstanding Employer and their contributions to work-based learning.

ARTICLE III, Purpose and Objectives of NCCEA

The North Carolina Cooperative Education Association (NCCEA) shall provide an organization for all North Carolina institutions of higher education, employers, and individuals interested in Cooperative Education.

The specific objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To enhance understanding of the significance and values of the cooperative plan of education.
2. To strengthen the processes of Cooperative Education through active interchange of ideas and experiences among educators, employers, and students.
3. To provide information about Cooperative Education to secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, employers, and other individuals.
4. To expand the opportunity for participation in Cooperative Education.
5. To provide a medium in North Carolina through which a spirit of cooperation among educators and employers may be nourished for their mutual benefits and for the enhancement of education in the state.

Nomination Criteria:

Nominations may be made by any voting member of the North Carolina Cooperative Education Association (NCCEA). The Outstanding Employer Award will be presented each year to an employer who has made a significant contribution to the mission and goals of Cooperative Education.

Nomination should address in a narrative style the following topics:

1. Evidence of success in implementing the practice of Cooperative Education at the workplace.
2. Evidence of successful efforts to expand the practice and philosophy of work-based learning on an employer level.
3. Examples of how the employer has embraced Cooperative Education, for example
 - Years of service with an institution
 - Management and growth of the Cooperative Education Program within the business

- Quality of the experience for students
- Involvement with Cooperative Education principles outside of normal responsibilities
 - Serve on professional organizations
 - Involved with committees of professional organizations
 - Conducts training sessions at workplace
 - Conducts workshops at conferences
- Clearly describe why this employer has made an outstanding contribution

Note: Each narrative should not exceed five typewritten, double-spaced pages.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any employer who has utilized a Cooperative Education student between July 1 of the previous year and June 30 of the nominating year.

NOMINATIONS

May be made only by voting NCCEA members.

Nomination narratives will be judged by the NCCEA Awards Committee. The Committee shall represent three constituencies: Four-year institutions, two-year institutions, and employers.

AWARD:

A cash award and a plaque will be presented to the recipient at the NCCEA Annual Conference.