

UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
GREAT PLAINS REGION AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
2006 NOMINATION COVER SHEET

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
August 21, 2006 OR TRANSMITTED BY E-MAIL OR FAX ON OR BEFORE
August 21, 2006 AT 4:30 P.M. TO BE CONSIDERED

Attach a copy of this form to each nomination. Please type or clearly print all information. Submit 5 copies of the cover sheet, nomination materials, and supporting documents to:

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Award Category (please check one):

- Credit Program Award
- Excellence in Teaching Award
- Innovations and Contributions Award
- John L. Christopher Outstanding Leadership Award
- Non-Credit Program Award
- Outstanding Continuing Education Student Award
- Professional Continuing Educator Award
- Research and Scholarship in Adult and Continuing Education Award
- Support Specialist Award

Program Title or Nominee's Name: _____

Submitted By: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Name(s) or Institution that should appear on the award:

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2006 CREDIT PROGRAM AWARD

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- The program must have completed one cycle to be considered.
- The program must be original in a substantial way(s).
- A description of the program must include a statement explaining how the program objectives were met and a summary of the program evaluations should also be included.
- The program must demonstrate a contribution to the field of continuing education, which can be replicated at other higher education institutions.
- The program must be cost effective in a manner consistent with the stated program objectives.

RECOGNITION: Winners will be honored during the awards ceremony at the fall conference.

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2006 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

DESCRIPTION: The Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to individuals who have provided outstanding teaching, course development, mentoring of students, and service to continuing education. This award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to credit or non-credit programs and who have provided inspirational teaching to continuing education students.

CRITERIA:

- Evidence of commitment to continuing higher education.
- Outstanding teaching and mentoring of students: teaching may be defined to include work with students at any level and in a wide variety of settings; teaching effectiveness includes the ability to meet student learning objectives and evidence of a student-centered approach; evidence of superior student mentoring should illustrate nominee's concern for student development beyond normal expectations for advising.
- Innovative course, program, and/or curriculum development: the extent to which courses or programs generated by the individual have been new, creative or innovative.
- Exemplary contributions to the institution and the profession.

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2006 INNOVATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AWARD

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for special items, publications, support groups, print support items, or activities that demonstrate innovations and contributions to the field of adult and continuing education and are designed or developed by a current UCEA Great Plains Region professional member or member institution. Examples of these might include nontraditional student support groups, special student publications, newsletters, handbooks, orientation programs, videos, etc. Nominations should not duplicate any other regional award category.

CRITERIA: Nominations for this award must be current projects, items or activities directed toward the continuing education units or students that represent an advance in services of the continuing education unit. Criteria for review will include: uniqueness of the nomination, quality, service provided, contribution to continuing education, and replicability by other institutions. Information submitted should include the above criteria and emphasize the efforts of the item, project, or activity.

RECOGNITION: A plaque will be awarded during the awards ceremony at the fall conference.

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2006 JOHN L. CHRISTOPHER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The John L. Christopher Outstanding Leadership Award honors the memory of Dr. John Christopher, former Dean of the School of Extended Studies and Public Service at the University of Wyoming. Dr. Christopher was a lifetime member of the University Continuing Education Association and served the association, especially the membership of Great Plains Region, in many leadership roles. He was successful in his career because of his persistence, his personal strength, his knowledge and dedication to the field of continuing higher education, and his strong sense of professionalism. He was a man of strong convictions and remarkable achievements, with a keen intellect, a willingness to serve, an incredible sense of humor, and a practical, straight-forward approach to life.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for outstanding leadership in the University Continuing Education Association at the regional level as exhibited by participation in regional activities and programs.

CRITERIA:

- The award will be given to a UCEA Great Plains Region professional member who has exhibited outstanding leadership and service within the region.
- Items to be considered are committee activity, conference activity, promotion of UCEA at the institutional, state and regional levels and commitment to adult and continuing education within the member's institution and the region.
- The award recipient must be a current, professional member of UCEA.

RECOGNITION: Winner will be honored during the awards ceremony at the fall conference.

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2006 NON-CREDIT PROGRAM AWARD

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- The program must be original in a substantial way(s).
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2006 OUTSTANDING CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENT AWARD

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this award is to honor an adult student for achievement and excellence in the pursuit of continuing education.

CRITERIA:

- This award will be given to a nominee over 25 years of age and who is a current student or a graduate within the past year of a current UCEA member institution in either a credit or non-credit program.
- The nominee must be an adult student who has met the challenge of an unconventional educational background and become an inspiration to others through the individual growth accomplished in pursuit of his/her educational goals.
- The nominee shall have effectively managed multiple/significant commitments and responsibilities while engaged in his/her education.

RECOGNITION: Winner will be honored during the awards ceremony at the fall conference.

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2006 PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATOR AWARD

DESCRIPTION: This award is to recognize an outstanding continuing education professional who has entered the field within the last five to ten years who has exhibited excellent leadership, scholarship, and who has contributed to professional organizations at the state, regional and/or national levels.

CRITERIA:

- Nominees must be a UCEA Great Plains Region professional member who has exhibited outstanding service to the profession.
- Nominees must have entered the field within the last five to ten years and be actively involved in professional organizations at the state, regional, and/or national levels.
- Applications must be able to document excellent leadership, scholarship, and contributions to the field of adult and continuing education.

RECOGNITION: Winner will be honored during the awards ceremony at the fall conference.

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2006 RESEARCH IN ADULT EDUCATION AWARD

DESCRIPTION: The UCEA Great Plains Region Research and Scholarship Award recognizes either (1) significant new research with implications for professional practice in the field of continuing higher education or (2) an individual UCEA member whose long-term commitment to the conduct of exemplary research has made a significant contribution to the literature and professional practice in the field of continuing higher education.

CRITERIA:

Research Project

The nominated project will excel in the following areas:

- Research findings have strong potential to improve professional practice in the field of continuing higher education;
- Research project is informed by and builds upon existing literature;
- Research project represents the highest quality of scholarship.

Individual Researcher

The nominee will have excelled in the following areas:

- Produced extensive writings and generated research findings, consistent with the criteria state above for a research project;
- Encouraged and enabled graduate students and professional staff to become actively involved in research for the field;
- Continuously and proactively sought to encourage the implementation of research findings in the practice of continuing higher education.

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2006 SUPPORT SPECIALIST AWARD

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to a UCEA Great Plains Region professional member or a continuing education staff person of a member institution who has exhibited creativity and innovation in the area of program support (i.e., public information officers, marketing personnel, registration staff, etc.).

CRITERIA:

- This award will be given to a current professional member or member institution continuing education staff.
- Information submitted should clearly describe the unique circumstances of support to the continuing education unit and focus on the effects of the nominee's service.
- Consideration will be given to creative and innovative work in support of adult and continuing education programs.

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