

## **Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award 2023 Nomination Form**

The **Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award** was instituted at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MNEA-Retired in 2012 in honor of Jim Coen and is given to an NEA and MNEA-Retired member who has made significant contribution in the area of **political action in support of public education, retirees, educators, and students in Missouri.**

Nominators should submit this form along with a letter citing their political contribution to public education and supporting documentation. Examples of such activities are available on page 2. The nomination may include two letters of recommendation with the total nomination documentation not to exceed six (6) pages.

The application must be received by February 28, 2023. Nominations may be emailed to [olivia.compton@mnea.org](mailto:olivia.compton@mnea.org) or mailed to MNEA-Retired Attn: Olivia Compton, 1525-B West Sunshine St., Springfield, MO 65807. The presentation of the award will be during the MNEA-Retired Annual Meeting.

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see attachments:**

## **Examples of Contributions to Public Education**

Activities considered for the Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award, both past and present, can include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in activities to help elect friends of education, (locally, regionally, statewide, nationally), such as attending fund raisers, phone banking, canvassing, voter contact, displaying signs, contributing, letters to the editor, social media, etc.
- Running for and/or being elected to political positions at the local, state, or national level, or having been appointed to boards or commissions
- Participating in local school board elections by recruiting and supporting pro-public education candidates, or running for or being elected to a local school board
- Following retirement issues, such as monitoring legislation, activities of the PSRS/PEERS Board, State Board of Education and GPO/WEP issues, etc., and actively promoting MNEA/NEA and MNEA-Retired/NEA-Retired positions wherever possible.
- Responding to Action Alerts through the MNEA Legislative Action Center (phone calls, emails or letters to legislators)
- Contributing to PAC
- Serving on the MNEA Resolutions Committee
- Serving on the MNEA PAC Committee
- Participating on screening committees for MNEA recommended candidates
- Planning/attending MNEA Legislative dinners, brunches, receptions, etc.
- Participating in MNEA and/or MNEA-Retired Capitol Action Days
- Becoming/continuing as an MNEA Education Advocate
- Participating in political party activities (local, district, state, national)
- Attending the MNEA-Retired Annual Meeting
- Serving as a delegate to an MNEA or NEA Representative Assembly

### ***Past Recipients of the Jim Coen Citizenship Award:***

2012 - Kay Coen

2015 - Ken Curtis

2018 - Sherri Talbott

2013 - Margo McNeil

2016 - Nancy Copenhaver

2019 - Shelley Hoffman

2014 - Ira Anders

2017 - Henry Grubb

2020 - Dorothy Walk