



## 2010 C.L.E.A.N.™ AWARD

*Custodial Leaders for Environmental Advocacy Nationwide*

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. Do I have to be a member of the NEA to apply?**

A. Yes, you have to be an NEA member to apply. *\*This is a change from last year's guidelines.*

**Q. Can I nominate my custodian?**

A. Yes, you can nominate your custodian (or a team of custodians) or he/she can self-nominate and apply for the award themselves. *\*This is a change from last year's guidelines.*

**Q. Does the applicant need to be a custodian at a public school?**

A. Yes, only NEA members employed in a K-12 public school(s) located within the U.S are eligible to apply. NEA members do not work in private schools. Applicants must be employed in the profession of custodian (not maintenance, HVACR or other related job), have at least three years of experience as a custodian, and be a full time equivalent employee (work at least four hours a day). *\*This is a change from last year's guidelines.*

**Q. What is the purpose of the C.L.E.A.N.™ Award?**

A. To recognize the contributions that custodians make to public health in their schools, communities, and their profession.

**Q. How many awards will be given each year?**

A. Up to five awards will be presented to one top recipient and four runners-up.

**Q. Can I email or fax my application package?**

A. No. Applications must be mailed and postmarked by December 7, 2009.

**Q. Can my forms be handwritten?**

A. No, the application forms must be typed with the exception of signatures which are required on the Data Sheet, Acknowledgment Form and Resume. Templates for the Data Sheet and Acknowledgment Form must be used and are provided at <http://www.neahin.org/cleanaward/>. A sample application package is also provided here.

**Q. What is the deadline to apply?**

A. Application packages must be postmarked on or before December 7, 2009.

**Q. Who created this award?**

A. The award is a joint initiative of the National Education Association, the NEA Health Information Network and the Soap and Detergent Association.

**Q. Can I jointly apply with other custodians at my school?**

A. Yes, a single custodian or team of custodians at a school can apply. If a team of custodians is selected only one award package will be offered and must be shared among team members.

**Q. Whom do I contact if I have more questions?**

A. Questions should be directed to Jamila Boddie (jboddie@nea.org or 202-822-7768) or Jennie Young (jyoung@nea.org or 202-822-7481).