

WERA DISTINGUISHED PAPER AWARD

Purpose: The WERA Distinguished Paper Award is given to promote and recognize important educational research taking place in Washington. Each year the State and Regional Educational Research Association (SRERA) consortium of AERA invites its member state and regional affiliates to present one distinguished paper at the annual spring AERA meeting. These papers are automatically accepted for presentation and are not required to undergo the lengthy and competitive nomination process that other AERA papers undergo. The WERA Distinguished Paper Award recipient is invited to present their paper at the AERA annual meeting.

Nominations and Selection: To nominate a paper for the award, a person must send the following two documents in electronic form to the WERA Executive Secretary (weraoffice@gmail.com) by October 30 of each year. Self-nominations are accepted.

- A cover letter listing the author(s) and affiliation(s), a brief summary of the paper, a statement about its educational significance, and the author(s) contact information (email, address, phone number).
- One copy of the paper.

Example papers for this award include:

- Papers presented at a WERA conference
- Papers by recent recipients of the WERA Research or Product awards
- Papers written to meet graduate school requirements
- Other research and evaluation reports or papers.

The awards committee of the WERA Board will review each nominated paper and may select one to be recognized for this award based on its significance and quality. The author(s) of the paper will receive a plaque and be announced at the WERA/OSPI Annual Conference. With the author's permission, WERA will also forward the paper for consideration in the WERA Journal.

The recipient(s) will also have the opportunity to present the paper at the AERA national meeting that occurs about four months after the award announcement. If the author(s) are able to attend the AERA national meeting, their paper will be included in a session organized by the Consortium of State and Regional Educational Research Associations (SRERA) and receive a certificate. Please note that WERA is not able to provide any funds to defray costs to attend and present the paper at the AERA national meeting.