



**NORTH CAROLINA WORK-BASED LEARNING ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER AWARD
NOMINATION CRITERIA**

The North Carolina Work-Based Learning Association (NCWBLA) will recognize an Outstanding Employer each year to an employer who has made a significant contribution to the mission and goals of Work-Based Learning.

ARTICLE III, Purpose and Objectives of NCWBLA

The North Carolina Work-Based Learning Association (NCWBLA) shall provide an organization for all North Carolina institutions of higher education, employers, and individuals interested in Work-Based Learning.

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 Work-Based Learning through active interchange of ideas and experiences among educators, employers, and students.
3. To provide information about Work-Based Learning to secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, employers, and other individuals.
4. To expand the opportunity for participation in Work-Based Learning.
5. To provide a medium in North Carolina through which a spirit of cooperation among educators and employers may be nourished for their mutual benefit and for the enhancement of education in the state.

Nomination Criteria:

Any voting member of the North Carolina Work-Based Learning Association (NCWBLA) may submit nominations.

A narrative nomination statement should address the following areas:

1. Evidence of success in implementing the practice of Work-Based Learning 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 Work-Based Learning, for example
 - Years of service with an institution
 - Management and growth of the Work-Based Learning Program within the business
 - Quality of the experience for students
 - Involvement with Work-Based Learning 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 nomination statement should not exceed five typewritten, double-spaced pages.

Eligibility:

Any employer who has utilized a Work-Based Learning student between July 1 of the previous year and June 30 of the nominating year.

The Awards Committee will review the narrative nomination statements and select recipient of the award. The Committee will consist of at least three members who represent a two-year institution, a four-year institution, and/or an employer; if this is not feasible, any combination.

Award:

The recipient receives a plaque and cash award at the NCWBLA Annual Conference.