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COMMITTEE FOR  
EDUCATION FUNDING

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Gala 2026  
Reception and Awards Banquet

CEF's education gala is DC's premier education event. It is the one night when the education community – advocates, policy-makers, and administrators – come together in support of education funding to honor those who have demonstrated their strong commitment to increasing the federal investment in education for the success of our nation's students.

CEF is the nation's oldest and largest education coalition, a non-partisan, non-profit group of more than 110 organizations that represent early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and adult and career education including students, teachers and faculty, parents, administrators, counselors and other school employees, librarians, and school board members.

## Committee for Education Funding Gala 2026

### Sponsors reach:

- CEF’s more than 110 member organizations that reflect the broad spectrum of the education community
- CEF’s thousands of followers on social media
- Congressional and administration education staffers

**\$10,000**

*STRAIGHT "A"s*

- A year of CEF update emails
- Invitation to CEF events this year
- Best seating at awards ceremony
- Top placement on “step & repeat” and event signs
- Recognition on social media and website
- Full-page ad prominently in gala program
- 20 tickets to gala (includes reception, banquet, legislative conference)

**\$5,000**

*STAR STUDENT*

- Preferred seating at awards ceremony
- Inclusion on “step & repeat” and event signs
- Recognition on social media and website
- Half-page ad in gala program
- 10 tickets to gala (includes reception, banquet, legislative conference)

**\$3,000**

*DEAN'S LIST*

- Recognition in CEF emails
- One-third page ad in gala program
- 10 tickets for complete table at gala (includes reception, banquet, legislative conference)

**\$340** *Individual tickets for those not CEF members*

**\$290** *Individual tickets for CEF members*

Ads in digital gala program book:

Full page: \$300 Half-page: \$200 One-third page: \$100

For more information on sponsorship and ad specs, contact Jared Bass: [Bass@cef.org](mailto:Bass@cef.org) / 202-327-8100

Sponsors confirmed by Sept. 9 will be listed in the gala program.

The Committee for Education Funding (CEF) is a 501(c)(4) organization that engages in legislative advocacy. Contributions to CEF are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution

### Possible Awards:

Lifetime and Career Awards

- The Patsy Mink National Leader Award
- The Edward M. Kennedy Lifetime Advocacy Award
- The Richard W. Riley Career Service Award

119th Congress Awards

- The William H. Natcher Award
- Outstanding New Member Award

Citizen and Staff Awards

- Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award
- Staff Recognition Award