



Arkansas Governor's DDC Teacher of the Year Nomination Packet

Nomination Deadline is: March 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

(ALL PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED)

Nominations may be self-submitted or may be submitted by administrators, parents, colleagues, students or others. Nominations should be made without regard to age, sex, race, religion, disability or national origin.



Award Benefits

- ▶Be recognized at the Annual DD Network Conference
- ▶Be featured in a press release and the DD Council Newsletter
- ▶Receive a commemorative plaque to display

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- ▶Must be a current certified Arkansas Teacher in good standings with the Arkansas Department of Education
- ▶Must currently provide direct services to student with developmental disabilities
- ▶Must be an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in educational teaching

Please return this completed packet, along with the required support documentation to:

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

5800 West 10th Street

Little Rock, AR 72204

no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2014.

(PLEASE PRESENT ALL MATERIALS AT ONE TIME)

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Nominee Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Employing School

Grade

Major Subject Area (if applicable)

Total Years of Teaching Experience

Years in Current Position

School Phone Number

School Email Address

Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

Home Email Address

Nominator Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to Candidate:

____ Parent of Student*

____ Supervisor/Principal

____ Community Leader*

____ Student*

____ Fellow Teacher

____ Other*

*For non school-based nominator, please contact a school representative to assist in completing this nomination packet.

Endorsement

I endorse this nomination in the belief that the candidate is a worthy and outstanding representative of excellence among professionals in education.

Nominator's Signature (No signature is required in case of a self-nomination)

Date

Nominators should work with the **candidate** to answer the following questions. ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER, please respond to EACH of the questions below, answering EACH within the noted page limits, using specific examples where possible. Each answer will be scored individually by the judges.

I. Professional Biography (Professional 100 word biography, 12 point font. Please write in third person.)

A. NOTE: This biography will be used for publicity and promotional purposes at the state and local levels.

Provide a 100 word candidate biography of your professional accomplishments including information on such as colleges/universities attended, types of degree(s) and year(s) received and in what discipline, school teams and committees, community or volunteer service and any other awards or stellar information **(10 points)**

B. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. (10 points)

II. Candidate Essay (No more than two double-spaced pages, 12 point font)

The **candidate** should write an essay describing their commitment to the teaching profession, their role in helping the Arkansas Board of Education achieve its mission, and their service to the community through volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities. Include examples of what you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession, and your thoughts on what is and/or should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession. **(20 points)**

Note: Please submit a copy of the candidate's resume along with this nomination packet.

Nominators Essay

The **nominator** should write an essay of no more than two double-spaced pages on the topic: "My candidate should be recognized as The Arkansas Governors Developmental Disabilities Council Teacher of the Year because..." **(Total possible points: 20)**

Letters of Support

Include three one-page letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent or civic leader **(Total possible points: 20 points)**