



District 300 Foundation Distinguished Educator of the Year Award 2019/2020

Purpose of the Award

The District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence seeks to enhance and extend learning opportunities for all District 300 students. By annually honoring a District 300 educator it is the hope that the excellence that exists in many of our classrooms will be advanced.

Nomination Process

Each school in District 300 is encouraged to annually establish a nominating committee of no less than three certified staff members to determine whether a nomination should be submitted. The school nominating committee will complete and submit the application by **December 13, 2019**. Applications are available on our website and are to be electronically submitted to Patricia.Ehmann@D300.org by the required date. Questions regarding the process should be directed to Pat Ehmann, Foundation Assistant, at: patricia.ehmann@d300.org Late submissions will not be accepted.

Nominee Qualifications

- The educator nominee must have at least 3 years of District 300 teaching experience at the time the nomination is made, and be at least 5 years from anticipated retirement.
- The educator nominee demonstrates through daily practice, an understanding of the needs of learners and what it takes to bring them to high levels of achievement.
- The educator nominee implements innovative techniques of instruction and motivation of learners that maximize student achievement.
- By example, the educator nominee inspires colleagues to employ innovative techniques and best practices, and a willingness to share his/her expertise.
- The following positions are considered for educator nominations:
 - Classroom teachers, instructional coaches, interventionists, digital literacy coaches, psychologists, social workers, guidance counselors, certified nurses, speech and language, reading/literacy specialists, media specialists.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee will consist of District 300 certified retirees and at least one member of the Board of Trustees of the District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Presentation

All Nominees will be honored at the annual awards banquet in April 2020 at Pin Stripes in Barrington. The Foundation will then announce who has been selected as the 2020 D300 Foundation for Educational Excellence Distinguished Educator of the Year.

**** A preview of the questions appear on the following page ****

Application preview:

PLEASE read ALL questions prior to completing to avoid repeating information.

Each question should be answered in 500 words or less.

Tip - Write about the great things this nominee has done. Engage the reader. WHAT makes them WANT to be in this educator's classroom.

Information needed:

Nominee name, base school, position, years with District 300, subjects taught.

Optional but nice to include - Colleges/Universities attended, past awards, professional organizations/societies nominee is a member of.

Questions:

Applications are judged blindly. DO NOT include the nominees name or school in your answers.

1. Describe the innovative techniques of instruction that the nominee employs to enhance the learning environment. Give clear, concise examples that convey the classroom activities and atmosphere.
2. Illustrate how the nominee utilizes a variety of strategies to assist the needs of all learners in order to bring them to a higher level of achievement.
3. Provide examples that depict how the nominee inspires and collaborates with colleagues to employ innovative techniques.
4. Please share any additional information and /or activities that illustrates the nominee's performance as an exemplary educator. (May include activities beyond a typical school day)

All nominations must be completed using the Google form found on the Foundation's website.