



**DISTRICT 300 FOUNDATION FOR  
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

**2011 / 2012**

**DISTINGUISHED  
DISTRICT 300  
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR  
AWARD**

# 2011/2012 District 300 Educator of the Year Award

## 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 classroom educator who best meets the award criteria, it is the hope that the excellence that exists in many of our classrooms will be advanced.

## Award Criteria

- The educator must have at least 5 years of District 300 teaching experience and be at least 5 years from anticipated retirement.
- The educator should display innovative techniques of instruction and motivation of learners that maximize student achievement.
- By example the educator should inspire colleagues to employ innovative techniques and best practices.
- The educator should display a willingness to share her/his expertise that leads colleagues down the path toward exemplary performance.
- The educator should demonstrate through daily practice, an understanding of the needs of learners and what it takes to bring them to high levels of achievement.

## 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. Should it be decided that a nomination is to be submitted; the school nominating committee will complete and submit the application by the required date. Questions regarding the process should be directed to Dennis Cleveland, Foundation Trustee, at: DennisCleveland@comcast.net

If a particularly meritorious nomination does not reach Distinguished Educator award status in a given year, the foundation may ask the school to resubmit the (updated) nomination the following year. Such nominees will be designated as District 300 Exemplary Educators and will be recognized at the annual Foundation Gala.

## Deadline for Nominations

Nominations are to be sent to The District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence, 300 Cleveland Avenue, Carpentersville, IL 60110, Attn: Mary Gross. They are due February 24, 2012 and should be hand delivered if there is any question as to timely arrival time. Late submissions will be returned with regret to the nominating committee.

## Selection Process

The Selection Committee will consist of no less than five District 300 certified retirees and at least one member of the Board of Trustees of the District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence. The certified classroom educators that are to receive the District 300 Exemplary Educator designation will be announced prior to the annual Foundation Gala.

## Presentation

District 300 Exemplary Educators will be introduced and presented with commemorative awards at the annual Foundation Gala. The Foundation's Distinguished District 300 Educator Award will be announced and presented to one member of this group at this event. It will consist of a commemorative award and a \$500 grant for the purchase of books for winner's school library. Grants of between \$100 and \$250 will be awarded to the schools of Exemplary Educators for the same purpose.



District 300 Distinguished Educator  
Nomination Form (10)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 300 Base School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of District 300 Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges/Universities attended and Degrees Held:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_\*

Past Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional Organizations/Societies of which nominee is a member:

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Signatures of the School Nominating Committee:

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This form must be submitted in typewritten form. A template is available from the Foundation.

# Nomination Form Questions

Each question should be answered in 100 words or less, typewritten, and double-spaced. Point values are shown in parentheses.

1. How does the nominee employ innovative techniques of instruction that maximize student achievement? (25pts)
2. Cite examples of how the nominee inspires colleagues to employ innovative techniques and best practices. (25pts)
3. How have the nominee's current and past activities led colleagues down the path toward exemplary performance? (15pts)
4. How has the nominee demonstrated an understanding of the needs of learners and what it takes to bring them to higher levels of achievement? (15pts)
5. Please summarize with any other information that may help the selection committee in its consideration of this nominee. (10pts)
6. Bio. Information (from page one) (10pts)