



## 2018 Teacher of the Year Award

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**What is the purpose?** The Edina Chamber of Commerce supports the local youth asset-building initiative “Connecting With Kids”. The Edina Chamber of Commerce fosters interaction between local schools, residents and the business community. The Edina Chamber, through its Education Committee, wishes to recognize local teachers for their significant contributions in education and work with future leaders. Through the annual Teacher of the Year Award, a teacher who exemplifies creativity, enthusiasm, commitment and development of a positive learning environment will be honored.

**Who is eligible?** Nominees must be a teacher in the Edina Public Schools to be eligible for this award and should be a teacher who goes “above and beyond” in the classroom. The nominee should be a teacher whose method of teaching is tailored to meet the individual needs of students.

**Who can nominate a teacher?** Anyone can nominate a teacher for the award: a student, a parent, another teacher or a member of the community. An individual may nominate only one person for the award. Nominations may include optional letters of support from the following: other parents, colleagues, students, former students, or members of the community. These letters should describe the attributes that the nominee possesses that make him/her an outstanding teacher.

### **Nomination Instructions:**

Complete the nomination form with necessary detail to allow the Chamber’s Education Committee to make an award decision. Candidates will be judged on their creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to education and their ability to provide a positive learning environment. It is very important that the nomination gives well described examples the candidates work in the classroom. Optional letters of support will help to provide the decision committee with a greater insight into the nominees work.

Return the nomination form to the Edina Chamber of Commerce office at 3300 Edinborough Way, Suite 150, Edina, MN 55435 or via email to [erica@edina.org](mailto:erica@edina.org) by **Monday, April 9, 2018**. **If using the PDF format, be sure to save your filled out application with a new file name before emailing it.** Please call the chamber office at 952-806-9062 with any questions.

*The Teacher of the Year award will be announced at the Edina Chamber’s Annual Meeting Luncheon on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Edina Country Club. The nominators of the selected teacher will be invited to attend the meeting.*

## Nomination

### **Nominee Information:**

Name of Teacher:

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Title or position (grade or subject taught): \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number:

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School Principal:

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### **Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Nominee: (parent, student, peer, etc...)

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**Please be as descriptive as possible in answering the following questions to help the committee best capture a snapshot of the nominees' teaching.**

1) Please provide a brief statement of why this teacher is being nominated and describe what sets this teacher apart from any other teacher:

2) Using detailed examples, explain how the nominee has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students:

3) Explain how the nominee instills in students a desire to learn and achieve:

4) Explain how the nominee shows understanding of students' individual needs, encourages their talents and helps build confidence and self-esteem:

**Additional information that would be helpful to the committee:**

How has the nominee demonstrated participation and leadership in professional development activities and fostered cooperative relationships with his/her colleagues and the local business community: