



Educator of the Year Award

PURPOSE

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce recognizes the great contributions great teachers make in the lives of our youth and their ability to foster future leaders in our community, state and nation. Most people would say their lives have been profoundly influenced by the care, dedication, wisdom, and enthusiasm of one or more teachers. In recognition of outstanding educators in our public and private schools, the Chamber proudly presents the “Educator of the Year Award” to recognize an elementary, middle, and high school teacher. The three winners will be recognized at the Chamber’s Annual Meeting where each will receive a one-time stipend of \$500 to assist in his/her classroom.

Teachers may be nominated by a member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce; however, public and private schools are not eligible to submit a nomination.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

Individuals in the public and private schools employed as full-time teachers who have taught in Sumter for five or more years are eligible recipients for this award.

CRITERIA

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** The nominee is actively involved in the community. The nominee identifies and helps to bring community resources to students in both the school and community settings.
- **LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP:** The nominee helps students prepare for success at each educational level, in the community, and the future workforce by developing leadership and citizenship skills. The nominee instills leadership qualities in his/her students, which include creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and teamwork, and communication. The nominee also helps students develop good citizenship and character traits that include integrity, self-direction, global perspective, perseverance, work ethic and interpersonal skills. Students are also actively engaged in service learning projects throughout the community.

SUBMIT NOMINATION TO:

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DEADLINE: Friday, February 10, 2017

**Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce
Educator of the Year Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee: _____ School: _____

School Principal: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of years in Sumter area schools: _____ Additional years of teaching: _____

Nominated By: _____ Name of Business: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

How does nominee meet the criteria?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP:

Why do you feel the nominee should win the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award?