



## 2023 Nomination Packet Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Education

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### Program History

The Crystal Apple Award will celebrate its 25th year in 2023. Initiated in 1999 by Dr. John Umbarger, the program was established to honor the education profession as a whole by identifying a few of the many individuals who have a positive impact on the lives and futures of their students. This award program has now recognized 265 teachers and is sponsored by community service groups, local businesses, and individuals who want to recognize and show their appreciation for the thousands of outstanding teachers in area public schools.

### Program Goals

- Reward excellence in education.
- Encourage creative and quality instruction.
- Encourage the development of a positive learning environment.
- Encourage excellent teachers to remain in education.
- Provide incentive for individual initiative on the part of educators.
- Contribute to the improvement of education in our area public school districts.
- Encourage nominees to pursue the statewide and national Teacher of the Year program.

### Selection Criteria

- A. Nominees must be certificated employees who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in education. Teams of no more than 4 teachers may be nominated as well, however, individual nominations are encouraged.
- B. Nominations should reflect the following:
1. The nominee's primary focus is the student.
  2. Enthusiasm and versatility in dealing with the individual needs of students and the ability to reach students in ways that contribute to their increased knowledge, talents, and self-esteem.
  3. Creative use of resources and curriculum.
  4. Special attention is given to preparation and development of a constructive learning environment.
  5. Outstanding peer relationships (is a team builder).
  6. The ability to develop parental support and respect.
  7. The ability to inspire students to appreciate and seek learning in order to attain their maximum potential in life.
- C. Knowledge of subject: Nominees must demonstrate dedication to professional growth; have a thorough knowledge of their subject matter, the ability to share that knowledge effectively with students; and a willingness to share their expertise with other education professionals. Please cite original materials and/or curricula developed, publications or innovative instructional methods, or other contributions to classroom instruction.



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### Eligibility

Nominees must be professional, certificated classroom teachers or teams of teachers currently teaching. All nominees must work in one of the following public school districts: Columbia (Burbank), Finley, Kennewick, Kiona-Benton, North Franklin, Othello, Pasco, Prosser, or Richland.

### Nomination Procedures

1. Nominations are collected and managed by each school district, then forwarded to ESD 123 for compilation and submission into the Washington State Teacher of the Year program **if requested by the district**.
2. Within each school district, nominations may be completed and submitted by any of the following: school support groups, students, former students, parents, administrators, other teachers, and community members. Individuals may also nominate themselves.
3. Nomination forms are provided. Each district may use its own forms and procedures for screening at the district level. Each district will forward its final nomination package using only the approved forms and procedures (see below and attached). No other forms, additional materials, or attachments will be accepted.
4. One signed hard copy and one electronic copy of each completed district nomination package must be submitted to the Award Committee in care of Educational Service District 123, Attention: Molly Curtiss, by January 12, 2023.

**The final award nomination packages submitted by each district must include:**

#### A. Letters of Support

One letter of support from each of the following individuals:

- Principal or Administrator
- Parent or student
- Colleague
- Community member or school-related group

Additional letters will not be read. Each letter should address why the author supports the nominee(s) and must be limited to one single page in length, typed in 10pt. font or greater.

#### B. Resume

The nominee's current resume, including employment and education background. (For team nominations, a resume for each member of the team must be included.)

#### C. Photos

One high-resolution head shot of the nominee(s) submitted with the electronic nomination packet on January 12th, plus 5 to 7 additional photographs of the nominee(s) emailed to [mcurtiss@esd123.org](mailto:mcurtiss@esd123.org) no later than February 16, 2023.



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### Official Nomination Form

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Information contained in the nomination materials will be confidential. Nomination materials will not be returned. Please closely examine the nomination procedures outlined on page 2 of this packet before completing the nomination forms. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Signatures of nominators must be included in the space provided on the original hard copy packet.

**\*Return Nomination Form to Selena Swearingen, 1500 Grant Avenue, Prosser WA 99350 or return by email: [Selena.Swearingen@ProsserSchools.org](mailto:Selena.Swearingen@ProsserSchools.org).**

**Forms must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2022.**

1. Name(s) of Nominee(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First and Middle
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First and Middle
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First and Middle
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First and Middle

2. Current school building: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Grade level and subjects taught: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*NEW\*** Please indicate if you would like ESD 123 to use the information from this application to forward your nominee(s) on to the Washington State Teacher of the Year competition through OSPI:

- YES, submit this information to nominate our teacher(s) for WA Teacher of the Year
- NO, do not submit this information to nominate our teacher(s) for WA Teacher of the Year

4. Primary nominator who will be available to provide information regarding the nomination:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School/building and address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email address)

- Please select your role:
- School staff member
  - Teacher
  - Principal/Administrator
  - Current Student
  - Former student
  - Parent
  - School-related community member

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Primary Nominator Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)