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# **THE TAWLS OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD**

*The Outstanding Teacher Award is an annual award given by TAWLS to recognize superior teaching, passion, and innovation in the teaching field by a current or retiring teacher.*

## **I. PURPOSE:**

This award shall be given to a teacher and TAWLS member who excels in the classroom according to the criteria listed below. This award should represent the standard of excellence respected by all. It is meant to reward teachers who build the foundations of good education as well as to inspire others to follow the examples that they set.

## **II. THE AWARD:**

This award shall be a plaque with the award name, organization, date and the recipient's name inscribed. A certificate of "Honorable Mention" shall be awarded to remaining nominees.

## **III. ELIGIBILITY:**

The teacher is a member of TAWLS and has had a minimum of five consecutive years of experience in the WLS classroom prior to the year of nomination. (Experience can be verified by checking the seniority list in your principal's office.) Consideration of those non-retiring will be given first.

## **IV. THE TEACHER DEMONSTRATES:**

- *Excellence in the classroom*
- *Knowledge of the subject matter*
- *Excellence in using a variety of classroom techniques*
- *Classroom innovations*
- *Interest in students as individuals and scholars*
- *A positive and constructive attitude*
- *Strives for continuous improvement*
- *Excellence in Parent-Teacher-Staff rapport*
- *Recognition from other sources related to classroom excellence*

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

Compose a letter explaining why you feel the nominee has earned this award. Be specific addressing the award criteria. This letter should include a few anecdotes to illustrate the excellence of your nominee. Your letter should be typed, and at least one page in length. You will also need the names and letters of two other people who will provide additional information about this person. It is a good idea to collect all of your letters before sending them out. These letters should not be emailed. Typed nominations need to be printed off and sent to TAWLS Awards Committee Chair, Heather Densmore @ Whitmer by April 30<sup>th</sup>



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Nominee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator 1/Award Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ School of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

School Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator 2/Award Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ School of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

School Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Outstanding Teacher Award**

*Please tell why the person you nominated is deserving of this award:*