



# **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. The letter must be signed by two additional teachers who support the nomination. Letters may be signed, scanned, and emailed or printed and put in the pony to:

TAWLS Awards Committee Chair, Heather Densmore @ Whitmer by March 24th



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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:*