Abstract

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Each year a committee selects a winner(s) of the DaVinci Scholar’s award in P-12 teaching. The selected educator will receive a $1000 stipend and a DaVinci Scholar Plaque designed specifically for this award. The P-12 school district and the graduating institution of higher education will receive a copy of the plaque. DaVinci Scholars will be recognized at the annual Spring DaVinci Banquet.

Basic Criteria: The nominee must be a graduate of an Oklahoma institution of higher education and currently employed as a teacher in an Oklahoma public or private P-12 school.

A DaVinci Scholar is a teacher with one to three years of teaching experience who exhibits an interdisciplinary approach in his/her teaching which inspires creativity in students as evidenced in a demonstrable way, in other words translates knowledge into a product. A DaVinci Scholar collaborates with peers and parents, understands and modifies lessons which address the multiple intelligences and learning styles of his/her students and knows that learning is not static but is an ongoing process as exhibited in their own on-going education.

Creativity is not limited to the fine arts. The experiences of creative people are very similar even though they may excel in widely different content areas such as mathematics, social studies, music, visual art, English, foreign languages.

Anyone is eligible to make nominations for these awards.

General Directions:

- All nominations must be received by February 21, 2005.
- Submit only the materials requested. No information that has been submitted will be returned.
- Nominee essay must be double-spaced on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Recommendation letters may be single-spaced.
- The first page of the nomination must be the “Nominee Information Form.” Staple all pages together (in the upper left-hand corner) in the order described in the “Nomination Checklist.” Do not enclose nominations in a folder or binder.
- Retain one copy of the application for your records. Mail a total of three sets of nomination materials, postmarked by February 21, 2005 to:
  Billie Kay Meacham
  Executive Director
  DaVinci Institute
  P.O. Box 108850
  Oklahoma City, OK 73101-8850

If you have questions, regarding the nomination process or need additional copies of the nomination forms, please call the DaVinci office at (405) 225-9134.
NOMINEE'S NAME (Dr., Mr., Ms. Mrs.)

SUBJECT AND GRADE TAUGHT

AREA(S) OF CERTIFICATION

HOW MANY YEARS IN EDUCATION PROFESSION

GRADUATE OF WHAT STATE UNIVERSITY

WHAT YEAR DID THE NOMINEE GRADUATE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

INFORMATION ON NOMINATOR:

Mr. Ms Mrs. Dr.

POSITION

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE  DATE
PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE

Directions: Provide complete information about the accomplishments of the nominee in the areas listed below. The information must be typed double spaced on 8 1/2” x 11” sheets of paper. Be sure to indicate the question number before each response.

NOMINATION CHECK LIST

Nominee’s information sheet

Description of activities, qualities, and student results that make the nominee worthy of the DaVinci Scholar award. (2 page limit)

Nominee’s statement of personal educational philosophy (1 page limit)

Three letters of support for the nomination. One letter must be from the nominator, one from a faculty member from the graduating college of education, and one of nominator/nominee’s choice.

Supporting documents (3 page limit) These may be pictures of students’ work, etc.