Crystal Apple Awards Program

2017

Nomination Packet Due March 17, 2017
Awards Ceremony is May 1, 2017

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2017 Crystal Apple Awards

The Crystal Apple Awards were established in 1988 to honor the teaching profession as a whole by identifying a few of the many certificated individuals who positively impact the lives and futures of their students. They have evolved to include all OSPI-certified education professions.

The goals of the Crystal Apple Awards are to:

- Reward excellence in education in the Yakima Public Schools.
- Encourage creative and quality instruction.
- Encourage the development of a positive learning environment.
- Encourage excellent teachers to remain in teaching as a career.
- Provide incentive for individual initiative on the part of teachers.
- Contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Yakima Public Schools.

Nomination Criteria

The selection committee will use a rubric based on the following criteria as well as years of service. For the best success, the nomination and letters of support should include a combined collection of evidence that represents the criteria below (with cited examples).

Focus on the student:
1. The nominee’s primary focus is on the student.
2. The nominee makes a positive impact on students.
3. The nominee demonstrates enthusiasm and versatility in dealing with the individual needs of students.
4. The nominee has the ability to reach students in ways which contribute to their increased knowledge, talents and self-esteem.
5. The nominee exhibits creative use of resources and curriculum.
6. The nominee inspires students to appreciate and seek learning in order to attain their maximum potential in life.

Foster and manage a safe, positive learning environment:
7. The nominee creates an environment of respect and rapport.
8. The nominee establishes a culture for learning.
9. The nominee manages classroom procedures.
10. The nominee manages student behavior.
11. The nominee organizes the physical learning space.

Exhibits collaborative and collegial practices:
12. The nominee develops and supports outstanding peer relationships.
13. The nominee develops parental support and respect.

Knowledge of subject:
14. Dedication to professional growth
15. Thorough knowledge of their subject matter
16. Ability to share that knowledge effectively with students
17. Willingness to share their expertise with other education professionals.
Eligibility

1. Individuals nominated previously may be nominated again; previous award recipients may not.

2. Nominees must be classroom teachers or other certificated employees—such as counselors, librarians, nurses, psychologists, principals or directors with a teaching credential or OSPI-issued certification—who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in education.

Nomination Procedures

1. Who can nominate? Anyone! Except for the nominee themselves.

2. What will the nominator need to turn in?
   a. The nomination form and a statement from the nominator as to how and why the nominee meets the nomination criteria.
   b. Two letters of support (only two). Letters should speak to the nomination criteria since that is what is used by the selection committee to select the winners.
      A. One letter of support MUST be from the nominee’s supervising administrator (ask them BEFORE you start the process in case they do not agree on the nomination).
      B. The second letter of support may be from a student, former student, parent, community member, teacher, or school-related group. Any other letters outside the required two will not be forwarded on to the Selection Committee.
   c. A biographical and career statement for the nominee(s).

3. Many of the Selection Committee members are local business leaders without knowledge of educational jargon. Please avoid acronyms and/or explain terms.

The Selection Process

Completed nominations will be reviewed by a panel of selectors from the fields of education, business and public service, representing the ethnic and cultural diversity of Yakima. The selection of Crystal Apple Award recipients will be based upon the documents supporting each nomination and how they speak to the nomination criteria. The award process will not discriminate against any nominee on the basis of race, gender, age or religion.

Additional Nomination Forms, either in print or electronic, are available from the Communications Office, 573-7007 or online at www.YakimaSchools.org/CrystalApple. Entries must follow nomination procedures and be received no later than Thursday, March 17, 2016.

The awards ceremony is Monday, May 1st at 3:30pm at the 4th Street Theatre (Black Box Theatre behind the Capitol Theatre).
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Information contained in the nomination materials will be confidential and used only by the Crystal Apple Awards Selection Committee. However, a copy of the packet will also be given to the nominee following the awards ceremony on May 1, 2017.

Please examine closely the nomination criteria and the nomination procedures before starting the nomination process. Include all of the information requested at the time the nomination is submitted or the nomination will not be accepted. Signatures indicated on this form are REQUIRED.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FITTERER.KIRSTEN@YAKIMASCHOOLS.ORG OR IN PERSON TO CENTRAL SERVICES, 104 N 4TH AVE, BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M.

1. NOMINEE information:

_________________________________________________________
(Name)
_________________________________________________________
(School/building)

2. Grade Level and/or Subjects Taught:

_________________________________________________________

3. Primary nominator information:

_________________________________________________________
(Name)
_________________________________________________________
(Address or school/building)

(Daytime telephone) (Evening telephone)

4. Please ☒ your role(s): ☐ School staff ☐ Teacher ☐ Administrator ☐ Student ☐ Parent
☐ Former student ☐ Community member ☐ Other__________________

5. Biography/Career Summary

Please include a page with a brief biographical and career summary of the person you are nominating. A list of professional activities related to the individual’s expertise, academic course work, workshops, committees, awards and honors is helpful. Please also include information with regard to any community service in which the individual is or has been involved. A one-page updated résumé prepared by the nominee is also acceptable.

6. Why is your nominee deserving of this recognition?

Referencing the nomination criteria, please include a page to tell the committee why this person is deserving of a Crystal Apple.

7. Primary Nominator Signature_______________________________________Date_______________________
Two Letters of Support

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C. Please speak to the nomination criteria listed in the packet.

A. Letter of Support #1 (from supervising administrator)

Supervising Administrator’s SIGNATURE: _________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

(Printed name)

___________________________________________________________________________

(School/building)
B. Letter of Support #2

Author’s Name:______________________________

Phone:_________________________________ Email:________________________________________

Please ☑ your role(s): ☐ School staff ☐ Teacher ☐ Administrator ☐ Student ☐ Parent
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Signature_______________________________________ Date____________________