

Westchester Innovative School Educator's Award 2017 Nomination Form

Recognizing dedication and positive impact in service to our youth

Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino, the Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Westchester County Youth Board seek to recognize education professionals in active service holding pedagogical titles such as: teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, deans, and school psychologists who demonstrate exceptional competencies in applying effective, original and proven practices to the challenges facing our youth in their respective educational settings. All nominations are welcome including those from communities with challenging circumstances.

Effective, Original and Proven Practices could include:

- Overcoming hurdles that hinder youth achievement (homelessness, hunger, intimate violence, bullying, substance abuse, peer pressure, test anxiety, incarceration, gang prevention & intervention).
- Engaging parents/caregivers in the education of youth to improve student performance (language barriers, working parents, incarcerated parents, family counseling).
- Implementing innovative instructional techniques (STEAM, special education, gifted/talented, RTI, peer to peer mediation, school-community wellness initiatives, advanced placement courses, computer science courses, school community partnerships, college and career readiness).

Criteria:

- Must hold current New York State certification and be employed in a Westchester County school district.
- Administrators and educators at all stages of their career are eligible.
- Professional personnel, i.e. guidance counselors, school psychologist, etc. are eligible.
- A minimum of three letters of support from multiple perspectives such as students, parents, peers, administrators or others is strongly encouraged.

Requirement:

- Nominee must demonstrate competencies in positively impacting students from various backgrounds and academic abilities.
- Nominee must demonstrate a personal/professional vision and mission for creating a supportive and rigorous school/district environment.
- Nominee must demonstrate a collaborative and inclusive approach to their field and craft.
- Nominee should demonstrate close, trustworthy and collaborative ties to their professional community.

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Briefly explain how you are acquainted with the nominee: _____

School or educational institute nominee represents: _____

What is the nominee's involvement in the above agency/program? _____

What are some attributes that distinguish the nominee in their personal and professional life that you believe contribute to the nominee's unique work with youth? _____

What specific tasks did the nominee perform that distinguishes them above other nominees? _____

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

D) _____

How long has the nominee been involved with the school/educational institute? _____

What impact has the nominee had on youth with whom he/she is involved? Please cite evidence _____

Reminder: Attach the recommended three letters of support from multiple perspectives.

Contact information for the person completing this nomination form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

E-mail: _____

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2017.

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