



2020 Nomination Packet Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Education

All nominations must be received by 3:00pm on Thursday, December 12, 2019

**Return Nomination Form to Deanna Flores, PSD Curriculum Office, 1500 Grant Avenue, Prosser WA 99350*

Program History

The Crystal Apple Award will celebrate its 22nd year in 2020. Initiated in 1999 by Dr. John Umbarger, the program was established to honor the education profession as a whole by identifying a few of the many individuals who have a positive impact on the lives and futures of their students. This award program has now recognized 235 teachers and is sponsored by community service groups, local businesses, and individuals who want to recognize and show their appreciation for the thousands of outstanding teachers in area public schools.

Program Goals

- Reward excellence in education.
- Encourage creative and quality instruction.
- Encourage the development of a positive learning environment.
- Encourage excellent teachers to remain in education.
- Provide incentive for individual initiative on the part of educators.
- Contribute to the improvement of education in our area public school districts.
- Encourage nominees to pursue the statewide and national Teacher of the Year program.

Selection Criteria

- A. Nominees must be certificated employees who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in education. **Teams of no more than 4 teachers may be nominated as well.**
- B. Nominations should reflect the following:
1. The nominee's primary focus is the student.
 2. Enthusiasm and versatility in dealing with the individual needs of students and the ability to reach students in ways that contribute to their increased knowledge, talents, and self-esteem.
 3. Creative use of resources and curriculum.
 4. Special attention is given to preparation and development of a constructive learning environment.
 5. Outstanding peer relationships (is a team builder).
 6. The ability to develop parental support and respect.
 7. The ability to inspire students to appreciate and seek learning in order to attain their maximum potential in life.
- C. Knowledge of subject: Nominees must demonstrate dedication to professional growth; have a thorough knowledge of their subject matter, the ability to share that knowledge effectively with students; and a willingness to share their expertise with other education professionals. Please cite original materials and/or curricula developed, publications or innovative instructional methods, or other contributions to classroom instruction.



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Information contained in the nomination materials will be confidential. Nomination materials will not be returned. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Signatures of nominators must be included in the space provided.

1. Name(s) of Nominee(s): _____
 Last, first (list up to 4 names if nominating a team)

2. In 75 words or less, describe the reasons you are nominating this person(s):

3. Current school building: _____

4. Grade level and subjects taught: _____

4. Primary nominator who will be available to provide information regarding the nomination:

 (Name)

 (Address or school/building)

 (Daytime phone)

 (Email address)

Please select your role:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal/Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former student | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> School-related community member | |

 (Primary Nominator Signature)

 (Date)