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2019



Teacher of the Year

NOMINATION FORMS

All nomination forms must be received by

April 30th, 2019

Gila County Teacher of the Year

The Gila County Education Service Agency is proud to sponsor the Gila County Teacher of the Year Program. We join many other groups and entities at local, state and national levels that acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of professional educators who demonstrate excellence both in and out of the classroom. The Gila County Teacher of the Year Program recognizes excellence in teaching by honoring K-12 professional educators from public and charter schools who have made outstanding academic contributions to Gila County's school-aged children.

This process is intended to promote six major outcomes:

1. Provide recognition for outstanding teachers and their respective schools/districts.
2. Provide an opportunity for teachers to reflect on their practice and, in doing so, promote continued professional growth.
3. Provide an opportunity for teachers to expand their capacity as educational leaders.
4. Select teachers who are representative of the finest teachers in Gila County.
5. Select the Gila County nominee for the Arizona Rural Schools Association's Teacher of the Year Program.
6. Motivate and inspire other educators.

This award is an important opportunity for us to elevate the stories of exceptional educators in Gila County. Anyone can nominate a teacher who has gone out of their way to change the course of their students' lives. I encourage school and district administrators and educators as well as parents and community members to nominate an outstanding educator as the Gila County Teacher of the Year. The Gila County Teacher of the Year will receive a \$500 award and a plaque.

The Gila County Teacher of the Year will be provided an expense paid trip to the Arizona Rural Schools Association's (ARSA) Annual Conference and also will be a nominee for the ARSA Teacher of the Year.

Please feel free to contact the School Superintendent's office if you have questions about the Gila County Teacher of the Year Program. We look forward to this exciting opportunity to once again celebrate Gila County educators!

Sincerely,



Roy A. Sandoval, Gila County Superintendent of Schools

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Gila County Teacher of the Year Program

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection as the Gila County Teacher of the Year, the educator must:

1. Spend the majority (70% or more) of the school day in direct instruction with students;
2. Be currently certified to teach in the State of Arizona;
3. Have a minimum of 3 years of teaching experience in Gila County;
4. Teach any subject, grade or combination of grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12 in any public or charter school in Gila County; and
5. Plan to continue in an active teaching status in the upcoming school year at a school in Gila County.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations

Nominator – may be an educator, administrator, parent or community member:

- Complete the *Teacher of the Year* Nomination Form – page 4
- Write a letter describing: 1) why you have nominated this teacher; 2) contributions the teacher has made with students, parents and the community; 3) accomplishments the teacher has achieved within the school or district; and 4) how this teacher inspires you.

Criteria for Selection

1. Be an inspiration to students of all backgrounds and abilities;
2. Be an innovative, creative, and enthusiastic educator;
3. Be accepted and respected by colleagues, administrators and parents;
4. Be involved in pursuing professional enrichment opportunities to increase knowledge and pedagogical skills;
5. Demonstrate outstanding contributions and/or leadership in the school, the district, the community, and the profession;
6. Exhibit a willingness to share knowledge and expertise with others; and
7. Be a full-time (minimum 70% direct instruction) teacher in a public or charter school.

Selection Process

A committee consisting of retired PreK-12 educators, college education professors and/or community members will review/screen applications and select the top finalists. Finalists will participate in a personal interview with committee members. The selection committee will determine the Teacher of the Year.

Current educators, administrators and personnel from schools/districts in Gila County **may not** serve on a Selection Committee.

Dates to remember:

- ❖ **April 30th, 2019** - Nomination Packets are due to the Gila County Superintendent's office
- ❖ **May 7th – May 15th, 2019** – Personal interviews with top nominees
- ❖ **May 2019** – Recognition at a Gila County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- ❖ **May 2019** – Submit application for Arizona Rural Schools Teacher of the Year competition
- ❖ **September 12 – 14th, 2019** – Arizona Rural Schools Conference in Flagstaff

TEACHER OF THE YEAR RESPONSIBILITIES

Being named the Gila County Teacher of the Year is an honor that comes with the responsibilities to represent the county's professional educators, to serve as a role model for others and to provide leadership in promoting excellence in education. The Gila County Teacher of the Year will be expected to:

- Participate in the Arizona Rural Schools Conference in Flagstaff
- Participate and present at Gila County Professional Development sessions

TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE

Upon acceptance of a nomination for Gila County Teacher of the Year, the nominee must submit an Arizona Rural Schools Association (ARSA) Nomination Packet to the School Superintendent no later than **April 30, 2019** to be certified as a candidate for the Gila County Teacher of the Year award. The ASRA Packet may be found on their website at: http://www.azruralschools.org/Teacher_of_the_Year

NOTE:

Please provide all nomination information by close of business on *April 30th, 2018*. You may submit the nomination forms:

Mail: School Superintendent – TOY
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, AZ 85501

e-mail: cfisher-smith@gilacountyaz.gov

Fax: 928-402-0038

The Nomination Packet is available on our website at www.gilacountyesa.org under “Upcoming Events”.

Questions? Contact: **Cindy Fisher-Smith** by phone at 928-402-8783 or by e-mail at cfisher-smith@gilacountyaz.gov



Gila County Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

YOUR NAME (Printed): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL/HOME PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

I nominate as the 2019 Gila County Teacher of the Year:

TEACHER (PRINT) NAME: _____

Your relationship with the teacher you are nominating:

Educator Parent Administrator Community Member Other: _____

NOMINEE'S SCHOOL: _____

DISTRICT: _____

GRADE LEVEL/SUBJECT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

I do hereby, nominate the above named Teacher for Gila County Teacher of the Year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please write and attach a letter describing the following:

Why you have nominated this teacher as the Gila County Teacher of the Year;

- Your relationship with the Nominee (administrator, colleague, parent, community member) and how long you have known him/her;
- The contributions the teacher has made with students, parents and the community; and
- The impact the teacher had made with students, parents, and the Community.
- The accomplishment the teacher has achieved within a rural school
- How this teacher motivates and inspires you, students and others to strive for excellence.

This Nomination is due by close of business on **APRIL 30, 2019**.

Thank you for your interest and support in acknowledging and celebrating an outstanding Gila County teacher! Please contact Cindy Fisher-Smith at (928) 402-8783 for further information.