

Southwestern Union Conference

Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Southwestern Union Conference wishes to recognize excellence among its teaching staff at both the elementary and the secondary level. Thus, the Union Office of Education will provide a \$500.00 award along with an appropriate certificate and plaque for six elementary teachers and two secondary teachers each year of the program's existence. The elementary awards will be given on the basis of one per conference except for two in the Texas Conference since it has more than twice as many teachers as any of the other conferences. The academy awards will be given without geographical basis to secondary teachers from conference academies operating in the union territory.

The following criteria will be used in making the awards:

- Spiritual Credibility
- Concern for Students
- Exceptional Competence in Teaching and Classroom Management
- Commitment to Highest Quality Education
- Excellent Classroom Environment
- Use of Technology in the Classroom
- Superior Observable and Measurable Student Outcomes
- Professional Development and Participation
- Respect for and Positive Working Relationship with Peers and Administration
- Involvement in Church and Community
- Current Denominational Certification at the Standard or Professional Level
- Regular Employment Status
- Minimum of One Full Year Teaching Experience in the Southwestern Union
- Full-time Employee with Actual Classroom Teaching a Minimum of Half Time

The Southwestern Union Conference Education Committee will be responsible for making the final award selection based on nominations from conference superintendents of schools (elementary) and academy principals (secondary).

Nominations will be made on the attached forms and will be due in the Southwestern Union Office of Education by January 30 of each year.

Superintendents are requested to submit three nominations (five from Texas) and academy principals two nominations for consideration. Additional letters of support for the nomination are welcome.

Awards will be determined by February 15 of each year with the actual award presentations being completed by June 1. Awards will be made at public meetings as arranged by the superintendent, the principal and the Union Office of Education.

Teachers will not be eligible to receive the award again for a five-year period after initially being honored.

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Nomination Form--Page Two**

Please rate the nominee in the following areas with one being low and five being the highest in your experience. Please place the appropriate number (1-5) in the blank.

- A. Spiritual Credibility _____
- B. Concern for Students _____
- C. Instructional Competence _____
- D. Classroom Management _____
- E. Commitment to the Highest Quality Education _____
- F. Use of Technology in the Classroom _____
- G. Classroom Environment _____
- H. Student Outcomes _____
- I. Interest in Professional Development _____
- J. Working Relationships with Peers _____
- K. Working Relationships with Supervision _____
- L. Involvement in Church _____
- M. Involvement in Community _____

General Statement (Please type and attach additional pages as necessary). Why should this teacher receive a Southwestern Union Conference Excellence in Teaching Award?
