

THE PAFA ART TEACHER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE PROSPECTUS

The PAFA Art Teacher Award For Excellence is presented annually to an outstanding art teacher (grades K – 12) in the School District of Philadelphia.

Purpose:

The award was created to recognize an outstanding art teacher (grades K-12) for his or her exceptional commitment and dedication to their students and creativity in implementing or advocating the use of art in and out of the classroom.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Must be a current art teacher (grades K – 12) in the School District of Philadelphia.
2. Have a commitment and dedication to his or her students in the fostering of an individual's artistic spirit.
3. Have mentored students and demonstrated teaching techniques that have met the needs and interests of students in a creative manner, bringing about learning and development in other academic areas.
4. Implemented new innovative curriculum or programming for the classroom.
5. Contribute personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties in promoting art education and the arts in the public school system, the community, the region and/or the state.

Award:

The winner receives:

- Cash Award of \$500
- Tuition for a Continuing Education course or workshop
- \$100 Gift Card to be used in the Academy's Art Supply Store or Portfolio®, the museum shop
- A Family Membership to the Museum

Two finalists will be selected and each receives:

- \$50 Gift Card to be used in the Academy's Art Supply Store or Portfolio®, the museum shop
- An Individual Membership to the Museum

Presentation:

The award will be presented at the 2010 "PAFA Art Teacher Award For Excellence" reception held at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

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on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in the Washington Foyer of the Historic Landmark Building, 118 North Broad Street, from 4 – 6 p.m.

Eligibility:

Nominees must be currently employed as an art teacher (grades K – 12) in the School District of Philadelphia.

Nomination:

Only teachers or principals/administrators from the District may nominate an art teacher for this award. The nomination consists of the completed nomination form, a letter of recommendation of no more than two typed pages, and a current copy of the nominee's resume. The letter must be based on the criteria outlined on page one of the prospectus and must cite specific examples where possible. Candidates may not self nominate. The letter and resume are mandatory. Nominations are to be submitted to: Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 128 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19025, Attn: Communications Department.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee is a panel with representation from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, and the Philadelphia Arts & Education Partnership.

Deadline:

Nominations are due at the above address by the close of the business day on **Monday, April 19, 2010.**

Additional Information:

Please contact Diana Trevisani, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, by phone at 215-972-2013, or via email at dtrevisani@pafa.org, with questions regarding the award and the nomination and selection processes.

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts:

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THE PAFA ART TEACHER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

You are invited to nominate a current art teacher (K-12) in the School District of Philadelphia for the 2010 PAFA Art Teacher Award of Excellence. This award recognizes an outstanding art teacher for his or her exceptional creativity in implementing or advocating the use of art in and out of the classroom. Qualified nominees are individuals who demonstrate a commitment and dedication to meeting the needs of his or her students in a creative manner bringing about learning growth and development in all areas.

Name of Nominee: _____

School: _____

Work Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Telephone Numbers: (W) _____ (H) _____

Email Address: _____

Nominators must provide: a typed letter of recommendation (*based on the criteria outlined on page one of the prospectus*) of not more than two pages, and one copy of an up-to-date resume of the nominee. Additional supporting materials may be submitted, provided such material is enclosed with the nomination.

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Work Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Telephone Numbers: (W) _____ (H) _____

Email Address: _____

Please return this form with the attachments to support your nomination by **Monday, April 19, 2010** to Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 128 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19025, Attn: Communications Department. Please see the prospectus for further details.