

Missouri Talent Pool Recommendation Form

You have an elementary school teacher or principal that is being considered for a National Award. This award is given to:

- Educators with exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school.
- Educators who demonstrate exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession.
- Educators whose contributions to education are largely unheralded, yet worthy of the spotlight.
- Early- to mid-career educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.
- Educators who possess an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community.

Include the candidate's resume as well as a one-page letter explaining how this person meets the above-mentioned criteria. Please include **descriptive** and **specific** information that helps the candidate jump off the page and provides evidence and a convincing case for a national award. **Incomplete forms will be eliminated from this process.**

Forms should be computer-generated or typed, not handwritten.

This is a CONFIDENTIAL process. Individuals being considered for this award CANNOT be aware of this recommendation.

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Recommended Educator:

(Answer below for the recommended educator)

Check those that apply:

Teacher _____ Specialist (specify) _____
Principal _____ Assistant Principal _____

For teacher, grade(s) _____ and subject(s) currently taught:

Reading/ELA _____ Social Studies _____
Science _____ Fine Arts _____
Mathematics _____ Foreign Language (specify) _____

Other (specify) _____

If recommended individual is a principal:

principal/asst. principal, grade levels in building: _____

principal/asst. principal, number of years as an administrator: _____

For recommended applicant, total years in education: _____

Will this individual be at the same school next year? _____ Yes _____ No

School District: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State ZIP

School Phone: _____

School Fax: _____

Educator's Supervisor: _____

Supervisor Title: _____

Supervisor Phone: _____

Supervisor Email: _____

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Rate educator from 1-10 (10 being highest) on the following four criteria and provide **detailed, descriptive, and specific information** to explain your rating. Please **cite examples** whenever possible. Evidence of **student achievement and value-added impact on students is a high priority. (You can attach documentation.)** If possible, please include available school and classroom-level data. Use additional space if needed.

1. _____ **Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student-learning results in the classroom and school.**

2. _____ **Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession. Include committees, mentoring, awards, publications, and presentations.**

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3. _____ **Strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership. Predict the educator’s potential to remain in education for at least 25 more years and demonstrate leadership in the profession.**

4. _____ **Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community. Do students perform at higher levels due to the educator, pursue certain careers, credit their success to their educator, etc.?**

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Education (Please note: Educators with a bachelor's degree in education in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s are not eligible for the DESE Recognition Programs Bank.)

Schools Attended

Degrees

Graduation Years

Ethnicity of Educator:

White

Black or African American

Asian

Native American or Alaska Native

Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other (specify)

References

Please list the names and phone numbers of **three references other than you** for the educator. These individuals will be contacted; therefore, **they should know the educator currently and very well** and be able to **provide information about how the educator meets the criteria. They should work with the candidate currently or within the last year.** References should not include parents or school secretaries.

**Usually, the three individuals listed will be contacted via email and asked to complete an Interview Response sheet about the candidate. Please provide both an email and phone number where the individual may be reached.*

1.

Reference Name:

Reference Title:

Reference Work Phone:

Reference Home Phone:

Reference Best Email:

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References, Cont'd.

2.

Reference Name:

Reference Title:

Reference Work Phone:

Reference Home Phone:

Reference Best Email:

3.

Reference Name:

Reference Title:

Reference Work Phone:

Reference Home Phone:

Reference Best Email:

Contact Information for Principal

Name:

Title:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email Address:

Date of Submission:

- Please provide a one-page letter of support explaining how the educator meets the criteria outlined on page 1 of this form. The candidate's resume must include education, work experience, professional contributions, awards, and professional memberships (as current as can be provided without contacting the recommended educator).

Return completed Candidate Recommendation form, letter of recommendation and educator's resume via email to: linda.dooling@dese.mo.gov.

Candidates may be recommended at any time during the year; however, for awards next fall, recommendations must be submitted by **February 1, 2020**. We are particularly interested in elementary grades for this year.