



Turner Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Reading 2012 Nominations

DEADLINE: Nomination deadline is Friday, February 13, 2012. You must submit 6 copies of the nomination form to the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools, attention Natalie Murdock at 3002 W. Kildee Lane, Springfield, MO 65810 by 5 p.m.

HISTORY: Established by members of the Turner family of Springfield to reward teachers who show excellence in teaching reading in the classroom and who instill in children a love of learning to read.

AWARD: Five cash gifts of \$2,000 are awarded annually to five teachers: \$1,000 is to be used by the teacher for classroom and/or school needs; the remaining \$1,000 may be used at the teacher's discretion.

CRITERIA: Nominees must be certified teachers in the Springfield Public Schools district. Previous recipients are eligible to receive the award again. Teachers, principals, peers, parents, students, PTA members, business partners and community members may submit nominations.

NOMINATING RULES: Failure to comply with all rules, including those underlined on page 2, will result in disqualification of your nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS: A Selections Committee comprised of Foundation board members, district officials and community volunteers and leaders will serve as the selection committee.

**Thank you for nominating a deserving teacher for this meaningful award.
If you have questions, please call the Foundation, 523-0144.**

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Nominator Information

Your Name: _____

Title/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Nominee Information

Teacher's Name _____

School(s) _____

Nomination Rules

Complete the form above (may be hand-written) and attach to your nomination narrative. On a separate sheet of paper type or computer-generate your nomination narrative. It may NOT exceed two pages. Use 10 point or larger type, double-spacing and one-inch margins. Applications that do not comply will not be considered for the award.

An outstanding reading teacher:

- Integrates reading with other topics across the curriculum;
- Pairs students with reading material at appropriate levels in areas of their interest;
- Uses strategies for encouraging, recording and celebrating students' reading in cooperation with families;
- Adapts the pacing, content and emphasis of instruction for individuals and groups;
- Is regarded by peers as a model for effective reading instruction;
- Employs "outside-the-box" thinking to teach reading to children;
- Builds the whole child along with raising test scores in reading.

Consider these points as you write your narrative. Your narrative must include the following four criteria points. Type each one and directly address it in your narrative. **Provide specific examples to support your justification.**

Criteria Points

- 1) How does your nominee demonstrate excellence in teaching reading in the classroom?
- 2) What does your nominee do to instill a love of learning to read in children?
- 3) Describe your nominee's contribution to teaching reading.
- 4) Comment on your nominee's dedication, commitment and creativity.