

26th Annual Awards for Excellence in Education

The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the **26th annual Awards for Excellence in Education**, which will be held May 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Martin's West. Students, parents, fellow teachers and community members are encouraged to nominate teachers by completing and submitting the application.

A panel of judges selected by the Chamber will review the nominations and judge them on the degree to which the candidate exhibits the qualities of an excellent educator:

- A high level of involvement with the total school program
- A demonstrated commitment to student success and growth
- A caring, supportive attitude
- A quality instructional program

Eligible personnel include:

- BCPS teachers in elementary, middle, and high schools
- Special educators
- Staff members in special areas, such as guidance counselors, librarians, and paraeducators

PLEASE NOTE: Past winners of any Awards for Excellence are ineligible for repeat nominations.

Candidates who have been nominated must submit a biographical summary. ***A nominee MUST complete the biographical summary in order to be considered for an award.***

Schools are welcome to nominate multiple educators and all nominees will be listed in the event program. However, if more than two nominations from a school are received, the Chamber selection committee will identify **two finalists** to represent the school. All finalists will be notified prior to the event and will be invited to attend the ceremony on May 7 as guests of the chamber.

Finalist nominees will be recognized during the Awards for Excellence in Education and Award for Excellence recipients will be named in several categories.

In addition, the Chamber recognizes outstanding and experienced educators who serve BCPS priority schools with \$500 stipends from the Berenbach Educational Incentives Fund, established in 2004. This year, to be eligible for the Berenbach Award, a nominee must have completed a total of five years teaching in a BCPS designated school (see attached list). Recipients will be selected from nominations submitted for the above-listed categories.

Nomination Forms by Interoffice Mail:

Office of Communications
Greenwood

Nomination Forms by Mail

Office of Communications
6901 Charles St.
Baltimore, MD 21204

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012 to be considered.



NOMINATION FORM

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Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade Level: Elementary School Middle School High School

Subject Taught / Position: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Relationship to Nominee: Colleague Parent Student

Other _____

If you have photographs of the educator you are nominating, please include them with your nomination form or e-mail to ltaylor@baltcountychamber.com. They will be shown during the awards ceremony.

NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee's Name: _____

Please complete requested information about the candidate's qualifications on this form in the spaces provided. If additional room is needed, attach a single letter-sized sheet of paper.

1. List extracurricular programs and special activities the candidate has sponsored.
2. Give at least two specific examples of the candidate's caring, supportive attitude toward students and/or colleagues.
3. Give at least two specific examples of ways the candidate helps students build their self-esteem.
4. Give at least two specific examples of techniques used by the candidate to encourage students' creativity and love of learning.
5. Give at least two examples of the high quality of the candidate's instructional program.

ENDORSEMENT: I endorse this nomination in the belief that the candidate is a worthy representative of excellence among professionals in education.

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Signature

Date