

Association for Excellence in Education

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

An award of \$1,000 will be given to teachers in the Tupelo Public School District to recognize their outstanding performance in education

- I. Professional Background
 - a. Teaching experience
Beginning with the most recent, list of your teaching experience. Include schools, subjects taught, grade levels, and time periods.
 - b. College and university degrees
Beginning with the most recent, list college and university degrees and dates earned. Include National Board Certification, certificate area, and date awarded, if applicable.
 - c. Professional affiliations
List memberships in professional organizations; include any leadership responsibilities in the last five years.
- II. Educational Contributions and Accomplishments
Beginning with the most recent, list and describe professional presentations, awards received, and grants awarded at the local, state and/or federal level within the last five years.
- III. Partnering with Parents and the Community (up to one double-spaced page)
 - a. Explain ways in which you engage parents in the educational process of your students.
 - b. How do you utilize community resources to enhance the learning experience in your classroom?
- IV. *Excellence in Education* Essay (up to one double-spaced page)
Explain how you have *ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE IN the EDUCATION* of your students. Identify successes your students have attained. What strategies have you designed and implemented to help them accomplish these achievements? *Some examples of different types of successes are MCTII scores, Spelling Bee Competition, Advanced Placement scores, Band Festival Competition results, state basketball championship tournament.*
- V. Submission of DVD Movie
Create a 3-5 minute video that provides a snapshot of your "best practices" in the classroom. This video may be edited and submitted on either a CD or DVD format.
- VI. Teaching Portfolio
 - a. Documentation of professional contributions and accomplishments listed in Part II
Examples are a grant award letter and a conference program at which you spoke.
 - b. Documentation of parent and community involvement described in Part III
Examples are written communication between you and the parents and photographs of community members working with your students.

c. Documentation supporting information in the essay

Examples are testing data, State Choral Festival scores, samples of student work, or any other evidence of your students' ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE in your classroom.

Interviews and Classroom Visits

After reviewing the applications, AEE members will visit the finalists in their classrooms.