

The District 112 Foundation Excellence in Education Awards Program (Teacher of the Year) celebrates innovative teachers in pursuit of the best possible public education for students in our district. Each year, we recognize these professionals by awarding them grants to support continued innovation in the classroom and celebrate them with a banquet held in their honor. Our community business partners support this program by partially underwriting the banquet, recognition materials, and providing grant money.

The District 112 Foundation Teacher of the Year will receive a \$3,000 grant for a project of their choice to be used in their school. The other finalists will each receive a \$500 grant to be used for a project in their schools.

The nomination process is simple and takes involved and caring individuals to make it happen. Your participation is greatly appreciated and integral to making this award a meaningful endeavor. Please review the guidelines below. If you have questions, contact the *District 112 Foundation* at 112foundation@gmail.com.

Guidelines:

What is the Purpose of the District 112 Foundation Excellence in Education Awards Program (Teacher of the Year)?

- To honor and recognize teachers in Eastern Carver County Schools for innovation and excellence in education

Who is Eligible?

- Nominees must be a licensed teacher in Eastern Carver County Schools during the current school year

Who can make a Nomination?

- Anyone can nominate a teacher (student, parent, teacher, principal/supervisor, community member)
- An individual may nominate only one person for the award each year
- Teachers may not nominate themselves
- Nominations are strongly encouraged to include one or more letters of support from among the following: colleague, parent, student, or community member

What are the Criteria used for Selecting the District 112 Foundation Excellence in Education Awards Finalists?

- Ideal candidates for these awards:
 - Have daily contact with students and inspire them to learn and achieve
 - Understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and build confidence and skills
 - Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and are able to share it effectively with students
 - Participate in making a positive contribution to the school community
 - Participate in and/or lead professional development while fostering cooperative relationships with colleagues
 - Actively support the mission and vision of Eastern Carver County Schools

Please use the District 112 Foundation Excellence in Education Awards Program Nomination Form (Teacher of the Year) to submit your nomination.

Deadline for Nominations: March 1, 2019