



Clarkston Foundation

Inspiring the young people of our community to pursue extraordinary opportunities for academic achievement and growth

6-12th Grade Teacher of the Year Nomination Form 2011-12

Secondary Teachers - Grades 6-12

*Nominees in this category must be certified, full-time general education teachers in grades 6-12.
Nominees must have a minimum of 2 years teaching experience.*

**Nomination Deadline
March 28, 2012**

Sponsored By

**The Clarkston Foundation
and
Suburban Ford of Waterford**

"Teacher of the Year"

Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program

The Clarkston Community, through the efforts of the Clarkston Foundation and the Suburban Ford of Waterford Dealership will recognize outstanding professional educators annually.

The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford are pleased to present the selection process used to select the 2011-12 "*Teacher of the Year*".

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program and the Teacher of the Year designation will alternate yearly between the following categories of teachers:

2011-2012	Secondary Teacher	Grades 6-12
2012-2013	Elementary Teacher	Grades K-5
2013-2014	Teacher in a Specialty Area	Grades K-12

Students, former students, parents, colleagues, administrators, or members of the general public may nominate teachers. An impartial selection committee comprised of local citizens selects the "*Teacher of the Year*" from those nominated through a careful screening process using specific criteria.

This year's Clarkston Foundation/Suburban Ford of Waterford "*Teacher of the Year*" selection will be announced mid-May. The "*Teacher of the Year*" will receive the free use of a new Ford car of their choosing for a full year courtesy of Suburban Ford of Waterford.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination forms will be made available on the Clarkston Foundation website (www.clarkstonfoundation.org), school district website (www.clarkston.k12.mi.us) at all Clarkston schools, and the Board of Education Office. All nomination forms must be returned, with all supporting materials and documentation, to the

Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, Michigan 48347.
Forms must be received no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2012 for consideration.

The nominator must secure permission of the nominee to enter his/her name for consideration with the knowledge that finalists may be observed in their classrooms and interviewed by members of the selection committee. The nominated teacher must also submit a portion of the nomination form and meet the eligibility requirements outlined below.

If we receive one completed nomination form for a particular teacher, that teacher is considered "nominated" and will be considered for selection as our choice for "*Teacher of the Year*". The number of nominations received for any teacher has little relevance in the selection process with the first such nomination being considered the governing nomination.

We prefer that nominations be typed or reproduced on a computer or word processor, but we will accept (without prejudice) neatly printed applications. Do not use more space than is permitted on a printed application. Please provide to the selection committee a thoroughly completed nomination form; incomplete nominations will not be considered after the deadline for nomination filing. Use specific examples whenever possible in describing the teacher's contributions in each criterion.

THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEES

Teachers who may be nominated for the 2011-12 "Teacher of the Year" award are those educators who teach in grades 6-12.

- Nominees must be contracted teachers with a minimum of **2 years** of teaching experience, and must be currently teaching in the Clarkston Community School District.
- Because the award made to the "*Teacher of the Year*" is the free loan of an automobile for a full year courtesy of Suburban Ford of Waterford, the nominee must be a licensed driver and currently insured by an acceptable automobile insurer.
- Additionally, the teacher should possess and demonstrate consistently:
 - ✓ The ability to create a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.
 - ✓ High expectations for all students.
 - ✓ A strong sense of values, integrity and professional ethics.
 - ✓ The ability to learn and experiment with new ideas in order to expand their professional knowledge base.
 - ✓ Strong human relations/strong cooperative skills with students, parents, colleagues, administration, and the Clarkston community.
 - ✓ Knowledge of subject and curriculum content, of student growth and development, of instruction and assessment.
 - ✓ Clear understanding of their beliefs and practices.
 - ✓ Strong communication skills.
 - ✓ Energy, enthusiasm, a positive attitude, & dependability
 - ✓ Commitment to community service

**Clarkston Foundation
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Nomination Form
(to be completed by person
nominating teacher)**

COMPLETE NAME OF TEACHER NOMINEE:

First

Middle

Last

TEACHING POSITION: _____

NOMINEE'S SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL PHONE #: _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME: _____

PRINCIPAL'S EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY:

Secondary (6-12)

Elementary (K-5)

Teacher in a Specialty Area (K-12)

NOMINATOR _____

NOMINATOR'S ADDRESS _____

Address

Street

City

State

Zip

NOMINATOR'S PHONE # _____

NOMINATOR'S E-MAIL _____

RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE: (Check One)

Fellow teacher

Former student

Current student

Parent of a student

Administrator

Other

Specify

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**A Description of the Nominee's
Contribution in Each Criterion**

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Supporting Statement by
fellow teacher/colleague
#1

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

A statement in support of the nominee for the Clarkston Foundation/Suburban Ford of Waterford Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition must accompany the nomination form. **This support statement should be written by a fellow teacher or colleague of the nominated teacher.** Persons from the same family may not submit both the nomination form and the supporting statement.

Please type the statement of support below. Confine your remarks to this page.
Do not attach additional pages.

SUBMITTED BY: _____

RELATION TO NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Clarkston Foundation
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Supporting Statement
by school administrator
#2

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

A statement in support of the nominee for the Clarkston Foundation/Suburban Ford of Waterford Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition must accompany the nomination form. **This support statement should be written by a school administrator in the Clarkston School District who has worked with this teacher in a supervisory capacity.**

Please type the statement of support below. Confine your remarks to this page. Do not attach additional pages.

SUBMITTED BY: _____

RELATION TO NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Clarkston Foundation
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Supporting Statement
*By a student, parent of a student, or
community resident*
#3

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible in support of your nominee. Please attempt to provide examples where appropriate and limit your responses to this page only.

SUBMITTED BY:

RELATION TO NOMINEE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

1. How has the nominee positively affected you **or** your daughter/son?

**Clarkston Foundation
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Belief Statement

*To be completed by the nominated
teacher*

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

Please share briefly your personal teaching philosophy and how that philosophy is demonstrated in your work.

Please explain briefly how you are involving families and community members in the educational process and recommend ways the community can become a more effective partner in the education of our young people. Please confine your remarks to this page. (Must be completed by nominated teachers)

**Clarkston Foundation
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**Brief Summary of
Nominee's Teaching
Career**

**To be completed by the "Teacher of the Year" Nominee.
Please attach a current resume to this form.**

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

POSITIONS HELD	SCHOOLS	GRADES/SUBJECTS TAUGHT	DATES

HIGHLIGHTS OF OR HONORS RECEIVED DURING EDUCATIONAL CAREER

ACTIVITIES & INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLARKSTON COMMUNITY