

Education History and Professional Development

Please provide a copy of your current resume with the following information:

- a. Colleges and universities attended and degrees earned
- b. Employment history including school names, locations and dates
- c. Professional association memberships and offices held
- d. Developmental activities and leadership training
- e. Honors and awards
- f. Community involvement

NOTE: Resumes can be more than one page in length.

PROFESSIONAL QUESTIONS (essays)

Commitment

1. In your own words, explain the characteristics and qualities that you believe a great educator must possess. How do you bring these to life in your classroom?
2. As a professional educator, what one accomplishment would you point to if you were asked what you feel best about? Why is it the most important to you?

Innovation

3. Explain what you do to continue to learn and grow as a professional educator and incorporate new techniques and research-based programs into your classroom curriculum. Please provide specific examples.
4. How do you define and measure success for yourself and for your students?

Education Issues and Trends

5. What is the single biggest challenge facing Texas teachers today and what would you do to provide a solution?

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Include one (1) letter of support from each of the following:

- A principal or administrator
- A student (current or former) or a parent (current or former)
- A colleague

Please write your name at the top of each letter of support and submit them along with your application.



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Texas Association of Secondary School Principals
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association
Texas Association of School Administrators
Texas Parent Teacher Association

2010 Teacher Application



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Purpose

Created in 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same.

Eligibility

The following state-certified public school educators currently teaching within the H-E-B service area are eligible for nomination:

- Public classroom teachers – grades Pre-K through 12
- Special area teachers performing instructional support services with students
- Team teachers are eligible to apply with the understanding that all monetary awards will be equally divided.
 - Each member of the team should complete the biographical information on the form and submit a resume.
 - Essays may be jointly submitted.
- All applicants will be judged based on total years of experience in the classroom regardless of location.
- Teachers who have been previously selected as statewide winners are not eligible to reapply until they have entered a new award category based on years of experience.

Criteria

- Passion and commitment to the teaching profession
- Innovation and creativity in the classroom
- Professional growth and development

Evaluation Process

All written applications will be screened and scored by a team of professional readers. Regional finalists will be selected by a panel of judges comprised of educators, administrators and community leaders. There are five identified regions within the H-E-B service area and six (6) finalists will be selected from each area, one elementary and one secondary, in each of the three award categories.

Applications from the 30 finalists will then be reviewed by the statewide selection committee. The committee will conduct personal interviews with each candidate during a special three-day event to be held in Houston in May 2010. The event will culminate with the announcement of six (6) overall statewide winners during a recognition dinner and celebration.

Awards

The 30 regional finalists will be notified of their selection on their individual campuses beginning the last week in March. During surprise visits from H-E-B officials and members of the community, each finalist will be presented with a check for \$1,000 for themselves plus a \$1,000 grant for their schools. In addition, each finalist will receive an all-expense paid trip to the awards celebration in Houston including three nights and a special reception in their honor.

Award Categories

RISING STAR – Less than 10 years of classroom experience

One elementary and one secondary teacher will each receive a \$5,000 cash prize plus a \$5,000 grant for his/her school.

LEADERSHIP – 10–20 years of classroom experience

One elementary and one secondary teacher will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize plus a \$10,000 grant for his/her school.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT – more than 20 years of classroom experience

One elementary and one secondary teacher will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize plus a \$25,000 grant for his/her school.

Application Guidelines

Please follow the instructions below when completing our application:

- Use no more than one page (8.5" X 11") to answer each professional question.
- NOTE: Professional resumes can be more than one page.
- Type your name and the corresponding professional question at the top of each page.
- Use no smaller than 10 pt. type and no less than 1.5" line spacing.
- Please retain a copy of the application for your records, as materials will not be returned.
- Please DO NOT submit additional materials. They will not be used in the judging process.
- Please enclose a total of five (5) copies of your application packet, each stapled in the upper left-hand corner.
- Applications must be postmarked by midnight on January 22, 2010.

Please submit your completed application and copies to:

H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards
6929 Airport Blvd., Suite 176
Austin, TX 78752

Once your application has been received, you will be notified via email.

Please allow 3-5 days for processing.

TEACHER APPLICATION FORM

Type or clearly print your answers.

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Nominee Name: _____
First Last MI

Dr. ___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Total number of years as a teacher _____

Total number of years at current school _____

Full Name of School: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: () _____ Fax Number: () _____

School E-mail: _____ School Web Site: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Type of School: _____ Elementary _____ Middle School _____ High School _____ Other

Classification: _____ Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural

School District: _____ ESC Region: _____

District Superintendent's Name: _____

Current School Enrollment: _____ Grade Levels (e.g. Pre-K - 5): _____ Class Size: _____

Percent of students that qualify for free or reduced lunch: _____

Demographic breakdown of student population: _____

TAKS Passage Rates: Reading _____ English/LA _____ Science _____
Writing _____ Mathematics _____ Social Studies _____

Categories (Select One):

Elementary: Grades Pre-K through 5

Secondary: Grades 6 through 12

____ Rising Star – Less than 10 years experience

____ Rising Star – Less than 10 years experience

____ Leadership – 10-20 years experience

____ Leadership – 10-20 years experience

____ Lifetime Achievement – More than 20 years experience

____ Lifetime Achievement – More than 20 years experience

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____