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OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Goal of the Award

The **Alaska PTA Outstanding Educator Awards**, recognize *six outstanding educators, one from each region of Alaska PTA*, who demonstrate professional excellence and commitment to the Mission and Purposes of PTA. A local PTA unit recognizes an educator with a nomination for the award. From these nominations one individual is chosen *from each region* to win the *Alaska PTA Outstanding Educator Award for the Region*. One individual will be chosen from these six regional winners as recipient of the **Alaska PTA Outstanding Educator Award**.

Rules/ Eligibility

A local PTA unit in good standing may nominate one individual. Council, districts, and regional PTAs are not eligible to nominate an educator. The nominee must be currently employed as a professional educator for any grade: preschool through senior high school. Preferably, he or she should also be a current PTA member. Retired nominees will be considered only if they retired within the current school year. An educator who has been nominated previously, may be renominated. The application must be on the official form, and nominees must fit the above definition of an educator.

Application:

- ❑ Application must include a completed application form found on the reverse side.
- ❑ The entire nomination packet must be computer generated or typed.
- ❑ Be sure to place the nominee's name at the top of each page.
- ❑ The local PTA unit president and a school administrator must sign the application form. (Superintendent if the nominee is a principal, and principal, if the nominee is a superintendent or teacher.)
- ❑ Type the number, question and answer for each selection criteria item 1-5 using up to one double spaced sheet of plain paper per question.
- ❑ No reduced copies will be accepted.
- ❑ Margins must be one (1) inch wide on all sides.
- ❑ Do not send additional information (pictures, clipping, etc.)

Letter of Reference:

Include with the application packet, a letter of reference from one fellow educator; one page only on school letterhead that is signed and dated.

Mail completed Application packet to:

**Alaska PTA
PO Box 201496
Anchorage, Alaska 99520-1496**

Deadline: March 15, 2009



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Local Unit Name: _____

President's Name: _____ President's Phone #: _____

President's Address: _____

School Name: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Nominee: _____ Job Title: _____

Grade level/subject: _____ Member of PTA: YES NO

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening Phone Number: _____

This application was prepared by: _____ PTA Title: _____

Selection Criteria

Questions 1-5 are to be completed by the local PTA representative. Point values are indicated in parentheses after each question. (Total Points: 100)

- 1. The educator's relationship with students. Describe how the educator interacts with students. Be specific about such things as how the educator builds on student strengths and overcomes weakness, recognizes and provides for individual differences among students, encourages respect for differences, and inspires students academically and personally. (20 points)
2. The educator's relationship with parents. Describe how the educator has initiated or supported communication between parents and students and between parent and educators. How accessible is the educator to parents, providing evaluations of student progress and notifying parents promptly of student achievement or concerns? Are parents involved and informed about decisions? Be specific and give examples. (20 points)
3. The educator's relationship with PTA. Summarize the educator's involvement with the PTA. How does she or he demonstrate commitment to the Mission and Purposes of PTA? (25 points)
4. The educator's relationship with the community. Describe how the educator links the classroom with the community. How does the educator involve community members in the life of the school, draw on community resources, and encourage students to participate in the community? Is the educator accessible to community leaders and other community members? (20 points)
5. The educator's relationship with the profession. Describe the nominee's professional preparation and participation in continuing education. Describe specific professional activities and accomplishments such as development of curriculum, development of assessment processes, sponsorship of student activities, mentoring of new teachers and / or participation in professional associations. Note any relevant honors. (15 points)

Remember:

- Keep a copy of the complete application packet.
• Double space typed or computer generated answers to questions 1-5.
• One-inch margins on all sides with the nominee's name on each page.
• Include a signed, one-page letter of reference.
• Obtain both signatures, below.
• Enclose the nominee's signed one page, double-spaced statement.

X _____
Signature of local unit president

X _____
Signature of principal or superintendent (as applicable)