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The Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education Award

Introduction

As part of the Beaumont Foundation's commitment to supporting education, the **Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education Award** was created to celebrate and recognize superior contributions of teachers whose leadership and dedication inspire a spirit of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. ***Fifteen teachers are selected annually to receive this prestigious Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the education system in Southeast Texas.*** Each award recipient will be honored at an awards gala and receive a crystal obelisk, a portrait and **\$10,000**.

Eligibility

- Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education candidates must:
 - Have completed five years teaching experience.
 - Be a full-time classroom teacher at a public or non-public school in Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper, or Newton County whose responsibility is the direct instruction of students.
 - Complete the Foundation's application packet by the stated deadline.
- Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education candidates should exemplify the highest standards and practices of the teaching profession. These qualities include but are not limited to:
 - Dedication, knowledge, and skill;
 - The expertise to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities;
 - A demonstrated distinguished classroom practice;
 - Professionalism and collegiality;
 - High standards for themselves and their students;
 - The ability to create a classroom environment conducive to learning;
 - Commitment to students and their learning;
 - The respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues;
 - Contribution to the wider school community.

Nomination Process

- Schools or individuals are invited to nominate teachers; however, a teacher may not self-nominate. Also, nominations cannot be made by immediate family.
- Nominations must include specific, detailed information regarding the nominee. Additionally, it must include three typed pages of supplementary materials. Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted. Previous winners are not eligible for nomination. All nominations must use the approved nomination form.

Application Process

- All nominees must complete an application packet if they are interested in participating.

Selection Process

- Each participating school will select a 5-person nominating committee to receive campus nominations. Only students and teachers will serve on the nominating committee at each campus. Committee membership at Middle and High School campuses must have two teachers and three students. All elementary campuses must have student representation. The student(s) may be former student(s) from the elementary campus, but must be a current student(s) in the district.
- Each school's nominating committee will select **Campus** Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education nominees per Beaumont Foundation campus allotment and submit required materials to the Foundation per the Campus Checklist. Each Campus nominee will receive a plaque from the Foundation.
- Campus nominees will be submitted to the Foundation for final selection of the Wayne A. Reaud Elementary, Middle and High School Excellence in Education Award Winners. Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper, and Newton Counties are divided into five geographic regions. An elementary, middle and high school teacher will be selected from each geographic region.

Timeline

- **November 9, 2018: Nomination/Application Packet available to download on website**
- **February 1, 2019: Campuses submit nominees to the Beaumont Foundation**
- **March 15, 2019: Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education Award Winners Announced**
- **May 7, 2019: Awards Banquet Honoring the Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education Award Winners**

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Nomination Form Instructions

Schools or individuals are invited to nominate teachers; self-nominations are not allowed. Also, nominations cannot be made by immediate family members.

Section 1

Check the box indicating the Geographic Area based on the table below.

Check the box indicating the category (elementary, middle or high school) of your nomination.

Geographic Area	School District (s)
Area A	Beaumont ISD
Area B	Beaumont Charter Schools, Hamshire-Fannett, Nederland, Port Arthur, Port Neches-Groves, Sabine Pass
Area C	Bridge City, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Orangefield, Vidor, West Orange Cove
Area D	Hardin-Jefferson, High Island, Kountze, Lumberton, Silsbee, West Hardin, Private Schools, Diocese of Beaumont
Area E	Brookeland, Buna, Burkeville, Chester, Colmesneil, Deweyville, Evadale, Jasper, Kirbyville, Newton, Spurger, Warren, Woodville

Section 2

Type your nominee's name, work phone number, name and address of the school where the nominee works, home address, home phone number, grade level, subject taught, years of experience, nominee's supervisor, supervisor's address and supervisor's phone.

Section 3

Type the name, title, phone number, and your relation to the nominee.

In addition to the nominating person, type the names, titles and phone numbers of three (3) persons endorsing this nominee, being certain to include the endorsement signature. Please state if any are related to the nominee (no immediate family). Persons endorsing this nominee should be very familiar with the nominee. Their signature indicates their willingness to be interviewed either by phone or in person, if necessary.

You Must Also Include the Following Supporting Materials:

1. Attach **one page** explaining why you believe your nominee deserves this award. What unique contributions has the nominee made, and how does the nominee exemplify excellence by having a direct positive impact on the lives and education of children? Address the teacher's dedication and passion for students and teaching. Be sure to give specific examples.
2. Attach **two pages** to support your nomination. These supplementary materials might include comments, articles, press releases, commendation letters or testimonial letters from individuals who have been directly influenced by the nominee.

Please paperclip these **three pages** (single-sided, 8 1/2" x 11", typed, font no smaller than 10 pt) to your Nomination Form.

*To download an electronic version of the nomination form,
Visit the Beaumont Foundation Website at www.bmtfoundation.com.*

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Application Guidelines

Please follow the instructions below when completing your application:

- Nominated teacher must complete an application packet if they are interested in participating.
- Applications that are forwarded to the Beaumont Foundation for consideration must be on forms that are included in this packet and comply with all guidelines described here or they will not be considered.
- Complete an Award Application Cover Sheet (included at the end of this application packet).
- Attach a Current 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" (wallet size) Photograph (that will not be returned) to 8 x 11 copy paper.
- All application and written documentation must be filled out completely and typed using no smaller than 11 pt. Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing.
- Use no more than one page (8.5" x 11") to answer the professional question.
- Type your name and the corresponding professional question at the top of the page.
- Please retain a copy of the application for your records, as materials will not be returned.
- DO NOT submit additional materials; they will not be considered.
- NOTE: The Beaumont Foundation reserves the right to revoke the award should any recipient, or their guests at the award ceremony, fail to conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Application Form Instructions

Section 1 – Geographic Region and Category

Check the box indicating which geographic region and category (elementary, middle or high school) your nomination is in.

Section 2 – Nominee Information

Type your name, home address, home phone number, email address, current position, grade level, subject taught, total years of experience, and total years at current school.

Section 3 – School and District Information

Type your school's name, phone number, address, phone number, principal's name, principal's phone number, school website, school grade level, type of school, TEA accountability rating, current enrollment, average class size, demographic breakdown, percent economically disadvantaged and most current STAAR passage rates.

Type your school district's name, superintendent's name, address, TEA accountability rating and district classification.

Section 4 – Certification and Signatures

Read and sign the certification section. Have your

principal sign the application.

Section 5 – Required Documents

5.1 Current Resume

Provide a copy of your current resume.

5.2 Favorite Quote

Provide your favorite quote

5.3 Professional Question

Response to the one essay question.

NOTE: Use no more than one page (8.5" x 11") to answer the professional question.

5.4 Letters of Support

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

- A principal or administrator
- A current or former student
- A current or former parent
- A colleague

Letters should be dated during the current year and provide the writer's contact information.

Please write your name at the top of each letter of support and submit the letters with your completed application in a manila envelope. Please, no binders or notebooks.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: *I applied last year and was not selected. May I reapply?*

A: Yes. Please complete and return this application. Some teachers apply many times before being selected because there are so many great teachers. Nominees are encouraged to retain a copy of their Application and re-submit an updated Nomination/Application packet.

Q: *Can my resume be more than one page in length?*

A: Yes, resumes can be more than one page in length, but no more than three (3) pages. We want to read about your education, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, and any awards you've won.

Q: *Is there any flexibility in the application deadline?*

A: Due to the selection process, we regret that we cannot extend the application deadline. Past applicants tell us that the biggest challenge is getting the Letters of Support back in time. Please start with these first and get them back before completing the application.

Q: *When will I hear if I have been selected?*

A: All applicants will be notified of Honoree selection by Friday, March 15, 2019. Information will be sent overnight to the mailing address you provide.

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Campus Checklist

Instructions:

*After the campus nominating committee has completed their selection(s), return the following items by **February 1, 2019** to:*

*Carol S. Eddins, Director of Grants
The Beaumont Foundation
470 Orleans, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701*

The following checklist is for your use only and does not need to be returned.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- A fully completed Campus Nominee Selection Form
- A fully completed Nomination Form.
- One page from the nominating person explaining why the nominee deserves this award.
- Two pages of supplementary materials to support the nomination.
- A fully completed Cover Sheet.
- A fully completed Application Form.
- Attach a Current 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" (wallet size) photograph of the nominee to 8 x 11 copy paper.
- The Nominee's Current Resume (*not more than three pages*).
- The Nominee's Favorite Quote or Motto. (*one page*)
- The Nominee's Responses to the Professional Question (essay). (*one page*)
- Four (4) Letters of Support. Please write your name at the top of each letter of support.
- Please remember to make copies of all forms. The application and photo will not be returned.
- Submit your completed application in a large manila envelope. Please, no binders, folders or notebooks.
- Do not mail your letters of support separately. This may disqualify you.