

# **Tennessee Association of Middle Schools**

## **2016-2017**

### **Outstanding Educators Awards Program**

Each year the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools (TAMS) honors outstanding middle grades educators, both teachers and administrators, working in grades five through eight, for excellence in education. The association recognizes three middle grades educators, three middle grades administrators, and three teaching teams from each of the state's grand divisions. Superintendents, supervisors, principals, and teachers are encouraged to apply or nominate an educator who deserves recognition for outstanding contributions at the middle grades level. Nominees must be members of TAMS.

A member of the TAMS Board of Trustees will chair the Awards Selection Committee. The committee will be comprised of TAMS members representing the three grand divisions of the state. Should a member of the selection committee be an applicant or nominee for recognition, he or she will be excused from the committee and a replacement appointed from the appropriate grand division by the chairperson of the committee.

Procedures to Apply or Nominate for Educator or Administrator of The Year:

- Any member of TAMS may apply for recognition or nominate another member for recognition.
- Application/Nomination forms must be completed and mailed to the chairperson of the selection committee.
- After an application or nomination has been submitted, the applicant/nominee will be contacted in writing and advised to submit the following items for consideration.
  1. A data sheet
  2. Three (3) letters of recommendation from administrators, supervisors, parents, and/or students.
  3. A statement of teaching philosophy and professional and personal goals.
- These three (3) items will be sent by the chairperson of the selection committee who will then forward copies to members of the selection committee.
- Each selection committee member will review and evaluate the materials and rank the applications/nominations for each division. Results will be tallied and a winner in each category for each of the state's grand divisions will be identified.
- Winners will be notified in writing by the chair of the selection committee.
- Winners will be announced in the spring and will be presented awards at the annual TAMS Summer Conference.

Procedures to Apply or Nominate for Team of The Year:

- Complete the application/nomination form for team teaching.
- Teams may consist of at least two (2) and no more than six (6) teachers.
- Attach team teaching project descriptors with the form. Descriptors must include the grade level(s) served, area of need the project addresses, the curricular areas that are covered, project goals and evaluation/assessment procedures, and any other information deemed pertinent.
- Limit the number of pages submitted to ten (10), in addition to the application/nomination form.
- Application/Nomination forms must be completed and mailed to the chairperson of the selection committee.
- The chairperson of the selection committee who will then forward copies to members of the selection committee.

- Each selection committee member will review and evaluate the materials and rank the applications/nominations for each division. Results will be tallied and a winner in each category for each of the state's grand divisions will be identified.
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## **TAMS TEAM TEACHING AWARD – (2016-2017)**

### Nomination Form

Attach team teaching project descriptors with the form. Descriptors must include the grade level(s) served, area of need the project addressed, the curricular areas that are covered, project goals and evaluation or assessment procedures, and any other information deemed pertinent.

Project Name:

School Name:

Principal:

School Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

**List team member's names (Note: team is limited to 6 TOTAL members)**

Team Chair:

Member:

Member:

Member:

Member:

Member:

Grade(s) and subject(s) involved in project:

Years project has been taught

Duration of project

Project goal(s)

Team Chair's contact information:

**Send entries to:** TAMS P.O. Box 70748 Knoxville, TN 37938

Or email to [board@tams.net](mailto:board@tams.net)

**DEADLINE FOR RECIEPT OF ENTRY IS Friday June 2, 2017**

**Application/Nomination Form for Educator/Administrator of the Year – 2016-2017**

Applicant/Nominee's Name:

Applicant/Nominee's E-mail Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Fax:

Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

School/Department/Assignment:

Position/Title:

Work Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Please give reasons – including personal qualities, distinctive service to middle level education, honors, awards which make the applicant or nominee worthy of consideration for recognition:

Name of Person Making Application/Nomination:

Position/Title:

Work Phone:

Address:

Signature:

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