

VA Gifted Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Application

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Dear Virginia School Division Coordinator of Gifted Education:

This packet of materials contains information about the Virginia Association for the Gifted Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award. We invite you to nominate a candidate or candidates from your school division by completing the enclosed Division Nomination Form. Divisions may select one nominee per 30,000 students enrolled. Please have your school division Superintendent endorse nominations by signing *each* nomination form.

Once you have selected and notified your nominee(s), please send the Division Nomination Form to each nominee so that it may be included in the final completed nomination packet. Completion of all application components are due online no later than **April 14, 2017**. VA Gifted will select up to *one* Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for each of the nine regions in Virginia.

This is an annual VA Gifted award highlighting the accomplishments of talented educators who provide services to gifted students in the Commonwealth. The award will be presented at the annual conference or seminar. We hope that your school division will choose to participate by sending your nominee(s) for the Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award.

Sincerely,

Cheryl McCullough

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Criteria

All nominees from the Commonwealth of Virginia must:

- Submit verification of training in gifted education
- Have taught gifted children/youth for at least three years
- Be teaching gifted children/youth during the current school year (This may include general education classroom teachers, consultation/resource teachers, or teachers of gifted)
- Exhibit outstanding qualities related to gifted education in the areas of teaching, curriculum development and adaptation, working with gifted children/youth, working with parents/guardians of gifted children/youth, and dealing with other staff and administrators
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to gifted education through professional experiences, professional organizations, and services in the area of education for the gifted
- Be a member of VAG (nominees may renew or join at time)

The application packet must include the Division Nomination Form, with the Superintendent's signature, the Candidate Nominee Form, completed and signed, the Nomination Statement, the Professional Experience and Educational Background Form, and a maximum of three (3) supporting documents (including letters of recommendation from colleagues, parents/guardians, or students).

Applications must be uploaded on or before April 14, 2017.

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DIVISION NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name:

Address

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

School Division:

Section A: The person wishing to nominate for the division should fill in the following: I wish to nominate

Include a **brief statement (500-word limit)** explaining your reasons for the nomination. Be as specific as possible in listing and describing examples of exemplary teaching.

In addition to this nomination letter, the nominee should submit a **maximum of three (3) supporting documents** (including letters of recommendation from colleagues, students, and/or parents/guardians).

Signature

Title

Date



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Section B: Verification of Division Superintendent

Name of Superintendent:

Address:

Superintendent's Signature

Date



(Please send this form and the application packet to the candidate to be completed and upload at the time you submit the application online.)

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Nominee's Name:

Home Address:

Preferred Phone:

E-Mail Address:

School Division:

Name, Location of School(s), Principal(s) in Which You are Presently Teaching:

Subject(s)/Grade Level(s):

Of the total number of students you teach, what percentage are identified by your local school district as gifted? (Example: 25 students, 5 gifted = 20%)

Have you obtained the add-on endorsement in gifted education?

Yes No In Process (# of hours completed)

Specify the areas for which you have certification by Virginia

Total years of teaching: Total years of working with gifted students

Signature of Nominee

Date

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Previous Teaching Experience

(List most recent position first.)

| Date | Institution | Location | Position |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Ex. 2005-2012</i> | <i>Greenbriar Elementary</i> | <i>South Fork County</i> | <i>Gifted Resource Teacher</i> |
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

(List most recent first.)

| Dates | Institution | Major | Degree/Certification |
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| <i>Ex. 2011-2012</i> | <i>UVA</i> | <i>Gifted Education</i> | <i>Gifted Endorsement</i> |
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