



Educator Awards 2015

Nominations Sought for Annual Educator Awards

About the Award

This is your opportunity to recognize educators or community partners who go above and beyond as they positively affect lives of students and their communities.

Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce Economic Development and Education Committee annually recognizes educators and educational partners who contribute to our communities through direct student involvement or partnership activities. Categories include Innovation in Education, Contributor to Education and Unsung Hero. For purposes of this award, educators and educational partners can be anyone who contributes to effective teaching and learning or educational improvements in our schools and communities. This could include licensed instructors, administrators, counselors, parents, support staff, and volunteers.

To nominate, complete this form and return to the Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce office by Friday, June 5, 2015. A committee of the Chamber's Economic Development and Education Committee will review all applications and select award winners. Winners and their nominators will be contacted and invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on October 29, 2015 at WITC.

Nomination Criteria

Nominations can come from anyone in the community and there is no limit to the number of individuals you nominate.

Innovation in Teaching

This category recognizes individuals who use effective innovative methods or technology in the classroom. For example, consider educators who form partnerships with employers, encourage critical thinking, promote creative problem solving and team building, utilize new technologies, incorporate entrepreneurship, and use other teaching and learning strategies that facilitate the educational process.

Contributor to Education

This category recognizes someone who is not a licensed educator and who contributes time and effort to student learning and positive educational experiences. These are community people who are instrumental in the lives of youth or in any aspect of teaching and learning within schools, connecting students to service learning or internships and other school-work initiatives, or in other aspects of character building toward development good citizenship.

Unsung Hero

This category honors individuals who improve the quality of life in our schools and communities by building assets, self-esteem, and competencies in others. Their efforts are positive examples of how one individual can positively affect individual lives and communities with short term and long term impact

Nomination Form/Contact Information and Instructions

Nominee

Word that best describes the nominee: Parent, Teacher, Administrator, Support Staff, Counselor, Employer, Civic Group or Civic Group members, Volunteer, Other _____

For which award are you nominating this person?

____ Innovation in Teaching ____ Contributor to Education ____ Unsung Hero

Nominee Contact Information

Name _____

Street, City, Zip code _____

Phone and email _____

Nominator

Briefly describe your relationship to the person your are nominating _____

Nominator Contact Information

Name _____

Street, City, Zip code _____

Phone and email _____

Essay/Description

On a separate document, explain why you feel the person you nominated should receive the award. Examples of accomplishment are important to help the selection committee understand what you see in this individual's efforts that puts them "above and beyond." Provide as much information and specific examples as you need to tell your story. You may attach additional material to support your nomination.

Deadlines and Submission Information

Please return form and the essay with any supporting information to the

Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce

37 S. Main Street

Rice Lake WI 54868 or email chamber@rice-lake.com

by Friday, June 5, 2015

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