



Golden Teacher Recognition Awards *Nominations due by April 11, 2017*

Do you know a special teacher who demonstrates a contagious enthusiasm for teaching and learning? Are they someone who regularly inspires all students to take on new challenges and to recognize their full potential? Have you met a teacher who thinks outside the box and advances new approaches to teaching and learning?

Golden Schools Foundation is holding the 6th annual Golden Teacher Recognition Awards to reward and encourage excellence in teaching at our eight local neighborhood schools. These Golden schools include Mitchell, Kyffin, Pleasant View, Shelton, Ralston, and Welchester Elementary, Bell Middle, and Golden High School.

The two winning teachers will be awarded \$1,000 each to be spent in their classroom, a crystal apple, and recognition at their school. They will also be acknowledged in local press/newspapers and among the Golden community. Winning teachers will also be featured on our website showcase of winners.

Award Criteria

The teacher must demonstrate:

- **Innovative and effective teaching methods** that demonstrate clear academic results for various types of student learners; please describe these results by providing a detailed example(s).
- **Commitment to all of their students**; please explain how the teacher goes above and beyond official job requirements.
- **The ability to work collaboratively with colleagues** to create a positive school environment; please illustrate the teacher's collaboration with peers through one or more example that makes them stand out among the others.

Who Can Nominate

Parents, principals, students, other teachers, or school staff members may nominate a teacher. Teachers can be nominated more than once, and group nominations of one teacher are also accepted.

How to Nominate

Write a short essay describing the teacher that you wish to nominate, and show how they demonstrate the three criteria above (**1. Innovative and Effective Teaching Methods, 2. Commitment to All Students, 3. Work Collaboratively with Colleagues**), including one or more specific examples (provide details, data and/or outcomes/results for each). Essays should be between 200-800 words and must include the nominated teacher's name, school, grade/subject, and number of years teaching. Please also write your name, the name of your school, and your position in the school (students please write your grade and current teacher's name).

Previous winners cannot be nominated again. Please make sure to go to <http://goldenschoolsfoundation.org> under the programs tab to see the previous winners.

Please send your submission as a PDF and include your teacher's name and school via email by 5pm (MST) on April 11, 2017 to tishvodicka@gmail.com and also copy kim.mangle@gmail.com. You can also send it by mail to: Tish Vodicka, Golden Schools Foundation Board Member – 22022 Chippewa Lane, Golden, CO 80401. You will receive an email once the nomination is received. *If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact us before the deadline.*

Winners will be announced the week of May 1, 2017 (Teacher's Appreciation Week).