

Description of Award:

The *Harris Teeter Together in Education Teachers of Excellence Award* provides public recognition and financial rewards to 10 Teachers who are furthering excellence in education.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate in the Harris Teeter Together in Education *Teachers of Excellence* Award, a teacher must teach at a school that is registered with the Harris Teeter Together in Education program. That school must have a minimum of 100 people linked to its TIE school code number (e-mail tie@harristeeter.com OR call 1-800-432-6111 to find out if you qualify). Public or private school classroom teacher holding a continuing license, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. A classroom teacher is defined as a person who spends no less than one-half day (defined as three or more hours per day), five days a week for six or more calendar months during a fiscal school year in a classroom teaching students. Personnel whose major responsibilities are administrative or supervisory are not eligible. In addition, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers and media coordinators are ineligible.

Criteria/Qualifications:

A candidate for the Harris Teeter Together in Education *Teachers of Excellence* Award should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher pre-kindergarten through grade twelve:

- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school
- Be poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule
- Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school
- Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession
- Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community

Nomination Process:

School principal can nominate one teacher per grade level each school year, which is defined for the Together in Education program as August through May. All entries must be post marked by entry due date (see below for entry due date schedule). Any entries received after the entry due date will be considered in the next month of winner selection, excluding those entries received after May 13, 2009.

Entries should be mailed to Harris Teeter corporate:

Together in Education Teachers of Excellence Award
701 Crestdale Drive
Matthews, NC 28105

Nomination Instructions/Application:

1) Nomination Application (include - TIE Code, School name and info, Principal name and info, Teacher name and info)

2) EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. List colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance. List teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area. Include professional association memberships; offices held; service on committees, commissions, and task forces; and other relevant activities. List leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers. List awards and other recognition of your teaching. Describe the Nominee's commitment to community through service-oriented activities, volunteer work, civic and other group activities. **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THREE (3) TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES.**

3) EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS / ISSUES. Describe what you consider to be the Nominee's greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. What do you consider to be the major education issues today and how has the Nominee addressed them? **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO FIVE (5) TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES.**

4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. This may include materials such as news clippings, published articles, innovative programs, classroom activities, a sample speech, letters of support (colleague, student/former student, parent, community leader), or other items which highlight strong qualities of the nominee. **PLEASE LIMIT TO TEN PAGES (5 sheets front-to-back).**

Selection Schedule:

The Harris Teeter Together in Education *Teachers of Excellence* Award Committee will be selecting one winner of the Harris Teeter Together in Education *Teachers of Excellence* Award on the last Wednesday of each month October 2008 thru March 2009 and selecting 2 winners in the months of April 2009 and May 2009. There will be a total of 10 Winners chosen.

Entry Due Date:

October 15, 2008
November 12, 2008
December 17, 2008
January 14, 2009
February 11, 2009
March 11, 2009
April 15, 2009
May 13, 2009

Winner Selection:

October 29, 2008
November 26, 2008
December 31, 2008
January 28, 2009
February 25, 2009
March 25, 2009
April 29, 2009
May 27, 2009

Winner Notified:

November 5, 2008
December 3, 2008
January 7, 2009
February 4, 2009
March 4, 2009
April 1, 2009
May 6, 2009
June 3, 2009

Prize Value:

\$1,000 Cash for Harris Teeter Together In Education *Teachers of Excellence*
\$1,000 Cash for Harris Teeter Together In Education *Teachers of Excellence* School

Please Note:

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