OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING DIVERSITY AWARD ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The Excellence in Teaching Diversity Award is given to an Ohio grade 6-12 teacher who demonstrates exemplary dedication to diversity and teaching the lessons of civil rights in the classroom. Any individual may nominate a teacher and a teacher may nominate himself/herself.

Award Description: Each recipient of these awards will receive an honorary certificate, a small gift, and recognition at the Ohio Civil Rights Commission's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing and Multimedia Contest awards ceremony.

Eligibility:

- The nominee must be a current or former grade 6-12 teacher at an Ohio school.

Selection Criteria: Award selection criteria include, but are not limited to:

- The nominee's consistent practice of celebrating diversity with students, colleagues, and community members;
- The nominee's ability to incorporate the lessons and tenants of the civil rights movement and Ohio's civil rights laws into the classroom;
- The nominee's positive impact on students, particularly in the promotion of academic excellence and community engagement;
- The nominee's leadership and communication skills;
- The nominee's respect and recognition by his/her peers as one who goes above and beyond the normal expectations of a teacher.

Selection Process: Nominations will be reviewed by the staff and Commissioners of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. The Commissioners will select the winner based on the above criteria. Awards will be announced in January 2018.

Nomination Process: Nominators can respond directly to the questions on the following pages or attach a nomination in letter form. Please limit nomination letters to two typed pages. Nomination forms become the property of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and may be shared with the public and the nominee.

Although nomination questions are geared toward older children and adults, we do encourage input from young nominators as well – feel free to attach young student nominations to the completed form.

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DUE DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Deadline:
Nominations may be emailed to mary.turocy@civ.ohio.gov by 11:59 pm on November 3, or may be mailed to the following address. Mailed nominations must be postmarked by November 1, 2016.

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
Attn: PACE
30 E. Broad St., 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215.

Questions:
Please contact Mary Turocy, Ohio Civil Rights Commission Director of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, at mary.turocy@civ.ohio.gov.

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Job Title and Subject(s) Taught: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City (in Ohio): _____ Zip: _____

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Please provide your responses to the following questions and be as detailed as possible, including <u>specific examples</u> of how this teacher has met the selection criteria in the classroom and community.

1. How do you believe the nominee demonstrates outstanding celebration of diversity inside and outside of the classroom?

2. How do you believe the nominee incorporates the lessons and tenants of civil rights into his/her classroom?

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3. What distinguishes the nominee from others? Be sure to include the nominee's positive impact on students in the promotion of academic excellence and community engagement, and the nominee's recognition by peers.

4. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your experience with this teacher?