

Jeffco PTA “Crystal Apple” Teacher of the Year Award Honoring Teaching Excellence

Sponsored by Jefferson County Council Parent Teacher Association

2015 - 2016 Nomination Guidelines

- Purpose:** To honor and recognize Jefferson County Schools classroom teachers who demonstrate excellence in education by meeting the needs of their students and who model integrity, teamwork, and an outstanding commitment to his/her school, community, and PTA.
- Awards:** One *Crystal Apple Award* will be presented at Jefferson County Council PTA’s Annual Spring Fling Awards Ceremony in April. All nominees will receive a certificate honoring their nomination.
- Eligibility:** A **teacher** must be certified/licensed and employed by Jefferson County Schools. The teacher must currently teach in Jefferson County Schools and have completed a minimum of two consecutive years in the district prior to the nomination. The teacher must be a PTA member of his/her local unit and the local unit must be in good standing. Past recipients of the Crystal Apple Teacher of the Year Award are not eligible.
- Judging:** Judging is based on answers to the below questions and any materials/information provided. It is preferable that these materials be presented in an organized fashion, however, judging is based on the information provided and not its appearance. Judging is done by a selection committee made up of PTA volunteers.
- Checklist:** The following requirements must be met in order to avoid disqualification. Please refer questions to jeffcoptaawards@gmail.com.
1. _____ At least two people are needed to nominate a teacher.
 2. _____ Nominators are responsible for ensuring that the following questions are answered and all nomination materials are collected and submitted. Please state questions and responses. Please give clear, concise answers and specific examples.
 1. ___ How does this teacher provide for individual differences/needs of students?
 2. ___ How does this teacher build an atmosphere conducive to learning?
 3. ___ How does this teacher motivate students to want to learn?
 4. ___ How does this teacher prepare students to be productive, contributing members of society?
 5. ___ How does this teacher demonstrate professional leadership?
 6. ___ How does this teacher contribute to a positive school/parent/community partnership?
 7. ___ How does this teacher support the work of your local unit PTA?
 3. _____ The nomination materials must include a letter of endorsement from the current principal and/or a letter from a teacher in the school where the nominee teaches. **These letters must have been written during the present school year and dated as such.**

The nomination materials must include answers to the above questions and copies of any materials (flyers, letters, articles, photos, etc.) that support the answers to the above questions, and the form below.

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2015 - 2016 Nomination Form
(Please Print)

PTA Unit: _____

School: _____

Grade/Subject Taught: _____

Nominators' Information

Name: _____

Name: _____

PTA Position: _____

PTA Position: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed nominations and any materials to Jefferson County PTA Awards Committee:

Colorado PTA Office
Attn: Jeffco PTA Awards
7859 W. 38th Avenue,
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
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