

Woodland Waterway Arts Council

Outstanding Teacher Art Awards

To encourage recognition of the importance of the role that the arts play in education, WWAC wishes to honor exceptional CISD teachers for outstanding contributions to arts education by making two annual awards. The awards will be given in the fields of the visual and the performing arts.

The honorees shall have demonstrated excellence in their field, exceptional leadership, a high level of dedication to students by creating an environment that excites and stimulates the students toward self expression through the arts. The awards will be given to teachers who:

1. Go beyond the ordinary teaching duties by giving of self and time to foster an environment of enrichment through the arts and outstanding student achievement
2. Are recognized by peers as being a creative, innovative and outstanding teacher and having a passion for the arts
3. Dedicated to instilling a love of the arts in students by example and by innovative and creative teaching methods
4. Contribute to art education by actively seeking opportunities and partnerships in the community for students that enhance and enrich the art experience
5. Are endorsed by his/her principal as an asset to the school

The Awards

The awards will be called “The Woodlands Waterway Arts Council Award for Outstanding Teaching Achievement in the Arts”.

The winners will be announced first to the Executive Committee and or the Board of the Woodlands Waterway Arts Council before releasing information to the winners.

A formal presentation of the award will take place at the Art Dash.

The award will consist of cash in the amount \$2,000 for each winner and a commemorative piece.

The Nomination Process

Nominations must be in writing and submitted on the form. Applications will be accepted between January 23 and March 9. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.

The person who is nominated must agree to be nominated. The nominee must be endorsed by the principal.

Awards Committee

The awards committee shall be composed of three members of the Educational Outreach Committee and at least two other members who have been past recipients of the award.

The committee will meet after the deadline and review the nominations and decide on a winner in each category based on criteria set out and approved by the board.

Woodlands Waterway Arts Council (Teacher Awards)

This information must go on the nomination form

At the time of the nomination the nominees shall:

- Hold a current teaching position in CISD
- Teach art course(s) authorized by CISD
- Work directly with students in the classroom
- Application shall list two references, one professional and one personal
- Application must state the relationship of the person nominating to the nominee i.e. friend, colleague, family member etc.
- Principal's letter of recommendation must accompany nomination
- Prior recipients are not eligible for 5 years

Judging Criteria

The committee will check for completeness of the nomination form and all documentation required.

Nominations lacking information will be automatically disqualified.

The committee will look for **specific** examples of how the nominee meets the standards on page one as well as

- Demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of the subject taught
- Establishes a stimulating art learning environment
- Fosters the development of art students
- Motivates students to exceed their own expectations
- Adapts his/her teaching approach to meet the needs of the students
- Works collaboratively with art colleagues