



# GOLDEN EAGLE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

*Sponsored by the Argyle ISD Education Foundation and Lisa M. Zimmerman*

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

**Award Range:** A **GOLDEN EAGLE Teacher Excellence Award** will be presented to one teacher from each campus, which will include a cash award with no purchasing restrictions. An additional cash award will be presented to a District recipient who will be chosen from the Campus award winners.

**Available Funding:** Award levels are approved by the Argyle ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors (“Board”) prior to the nomination period and will be announced prior to the nomination period. The total number of recipients will be based on the number of campuses in AISD and the total funds available for the program. The cash amount awarded to the District recipient will be determined by the Board prior to the nomination period based on the earnings of the Lisa M-Z Restricted Endowment.

**Application Deadlines:** Argyle ISD Education Foundation must receive **Nomination Forms** no later than **Friday, March 20, 2015**, at 5:00 pm. **Teacher Applications** must be received in their respective campus principal’s office by **Friday, April 17, 2015**, at 5:00 pm to be considered for the award.

**Notification of Recipients:** Upon receipt of a Nomination Form, the teacher will be notified by AEF in writing of their nomination. The nominated teacher will have the option of completing a Teacher Application to proceed with the selection process. Award recipients, as well as nominated teachers, will be announced and recognized before the end of each school year.

**Applicant Eligibility:** All teachers who have taught in the Argyle ISD for at least two (2) years and for whom a nomination has been received by the closing date will be invited in writing to participate in the program. Nominated teachers will be asked to complete and submit a Teacher Application outlining their teaching background, experience, and accomplishments by the April deadline. Nomination Forms may be submitted by peers, parents, students, or community members. Self-nominations will not be accepted. A teacher cannot receive the GOLDEN EAGLE Teacher Excellence Award more than once in a five-year period.

**Award Criteria:** Candidates should be skillful, dedicated teachers who plan to actively continue classroom teaching in the Argyle ISD. They should take an active role in their communities as well as their schools, and demonstrate professional poise and articulateness. Most importantly, candidates will be judged on their ability to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. The judges will be looking for a drive to initiate activities that improve instruction for students and for examples of innovations started in the nominee’s classrooms. Award recipients will demonstrate the ability and willingness to work cooperatively with colleagues, as well as a desire to stay informed about current educational theories and practices. Additionally, candidates will exhibit a consistently high level of student achievement in their classrooms.

**Nominee Review:** Both the Nomination Form and the Teacher Application shall be reviewed by an independent (outside of Argyle) Award Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will evaluate each candidate's Nomination Form and Teacher Application based on the above criteria and will select an Award recipient from each campus. Each Campus Award recipient will appear before the Selection Committee for a personal interview. The Award Selection Committee will choose one of those teachers to receive the District Golden Eagle Teacher Excellence Award.

**Submission of Nomination Forms:** All Nomination Forms must be received by 5:00 pm on **Friday, March 20, 2015**. Electronically submitted proposals will be accepted. E-mail submissions may be sent to: [information@supportargyleisd.org](mailto:information@supportargyleisd.org). Nomination Forms may also be delivered by mail, fax, or in person to:

Argyle ISD Education Foundation  
Attn: Programs – GOLDEN EAGLE Teacher Excellence Award  
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