

The OnPoint Prize for Excellence in Education



Nomination Form

The OnPoint Prize recognizes a strong commitment to education and the results it produces. Nominees should have a demonstrated ability to challenge and inspire students to learn. **Anyone can make a nomination, including nominating yourself.** If you know an educator in our community who should be recognized, we want to hear from you.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be a teacher of grades K-12 in an accredited public, private or charter school located within any county that OnPoint serves (Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington).
- Applicants must be full-time or job-share classroom teachers, counselors, or librarians at time of application (not as a substitute teacher). Job-share applicants must complete separate applications and submit them together.
- Previous OnPoint Prize Circle of Excellence winners must wait two consecutive years after their win before they may apply for the OnPoint Prize again.
- Previous OnPoint Prize Educator of the Year winners and immediate family members of OnPoint staff are not eligible.

Entry Guidelines

- Each entry must include all three completed parts of the application, submitted together at one time. Please do *not* submit this Qualifications & Entry Guidelines page or the Part 2 and Part 3 instructional sheet with your application.
- Each entry must include Part 1 of this form as the front page. Please do not type your own cover page to add to the nomination form.
- Be sure to include the applicant's first and last name on all portfolio submissions.
- Entries become the property of OnPoint Community Credit Union upon submission. If you would like to have your entry returned, please provide a prepaid envelope with all mailing information filled out and include it with the nomination entry.
- Please see www.onpointprize.com for additional qualifications and contest rules.

Please complete all three parts of the nomination form, print it out, include the letters of recommendation and samples of teacher's work and mail it to:

The OnPoint Prize Selection Committee
PO Box 3750
Portland, Oregon 97208

It is the responsibility of the nominator or the nominee to fill out the form accurately. Nominations must be received by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012. Nomination packets can also be dropped off at any OnPoint branch location. **Please keep this page of the nomination form for your reference.**

Part
1Required
Information

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Nominee's name _____ Grade/subject(s) taught _____ Class Size(s) _____

School _____

School's Size _____

School Type:

Public Private Charter

School address _____

School phone number _____

Nominee's home address _____

Nearest OnPoint Branch _____

Home/cell phone number _____

Email address _____

How many years of teaching experience does the nominee have? _____

How long has the nominee been in their current position? _____

Do they have other responsibilities (coach, advisor, etc.)? _____

Are they licensed/accredited? Yes/No? If yes, list. _____

I have read and understand the qualifications and guidelines for submitting this nomination form.

If you are nominating a teacher, please complete:

Your name _____

Home phone number _____

Cell phone number _____

Email address _____

Relationship to teacher nominated _____

Part 2

Essay Questions

Please answer the following essay questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Include the essay question first then your answer. Answer each question in 500 words or less and include the nominee's first and last name at the top of each sheet. Then attach your answers to the rest of the application.

1. Please relate one or more examples of the nominee's creativity and enthusiasm in the classroom. How did students benefit from this teacher's actions? Give examples (500 words or less).
2. How are the nominee's teaching methods exemplary? What is effective about his/her teaching style? How does this teaching style impact their students? Give examples (500 words or less).
3. What lasting impact has the nominee had on students, parents and peers? Give examples (500 words or less).

Part 3

Support Materials

In addition to the information provided in parts 1 and 2, please attach:

1. At least three letters of recommendation for this nominee. Suggested sources for the letters are one from the teacher's principal, one from a peer, and one from a student or student family member.
2. A portfolio of the teacher's work and accomplishments should be submitted with this application. Portfolio pieces could include: Student notes, interesting projects, unique assignments, or DVDs of classroom work. (When submitting a DVD, please ensure it is playable in a standard DVD player. Additionally, include a note for the judging committee on any DVD as to which portion of the DVD should be viewed.) *Please include the nominee's first and last name on all portfolio pieces.*

For examples of portfolio pieces submitted in previous years, visit www.onpointprize.com.