

The Westside Foundation BRAVO Teaching Award

Purpose and Eligibility

The Westside Foundation BRAVO Teaching Award recognizes certified teachers who have been in the District more than three years and who:

- skillfully and successfully tap into the unique academic, social, emotional and/or physical talents of students.
- inspire students to fully engage in school and/or community life.

Previous recipients will not be eligible.

Nature of the Award

A \$500.00 check, recognition on *The Westside Foundation Bravo Teaching Award* plaque displayed at the ABC Building, and a copy of the nomination packet will be presented to each recipient. Recipients will be recognized at the March, June, October or December Foundation Board meeting of each year and at the next subsequent Westside Board of Education meeting.

Who May Nominate?

Any certified staff member or administrator in the District may nominate certified teachers for this award.

The Nomination Process

The nomination form is attached, or it may be obtained in person from the Executive Director of the Westside Foundation.

Teachers only need to be nominated one time in an academic calendar year. All teachers nominated but not selected will be considered for future awards. No late nominations will be accepted.

Organize and paper clip (DO NOT staple) the nomination packet to include:

- the completed cover sheet
- no more than one-page answers for each of the two questions on the following page
- no more than two supporting letters from administrators, teachers, parents and/or Students

Send all nominations to Westside Foundation Executive Director, Laura Iliff, or Administrative Assistant Maureen Masters, at the Westside House, 1101 South 90th Street, Omaha, NE 68114.

A Selection Committee of three appointed by the Westside Foundation President or designee and the Executive Director will review all applications and identify recipients.

The Westside Foundation Bravo Teaching Award
Nomination Cover Sheet

This award recognizes teachers who:

- skillfully and successfully tap into the unique academic, social, emotional and/or physical talents of students.
- inspire students to fully engage in school and/or community life.

Supporting documents or letters of support should focus on these criteria.

Nominee _____ Position _____

Building and Assignment _____ No. of Yrs. In District _____

School Phone _____ Email _____

Answer each of the following questions in no more than one-page of double spaced text. Answer pages should have 1-inch margins all around, be printed in 12 pt font, state the question at the top of the page, be labeled with a nominee's name, building and assignment, and be arranged in this order.

1. How does this teacher tap into the unique academic, social, emotional, and/or physical talents of students? Give specific examples to support any of the developmental areas you cite. (Note: Nominees may impact students in one or more but not all of these developmental areas.)

2. How does this teacher inspire students to engage more fully in school and/or community life? Give specific examples to support your answer. (Note: Nominees may inspire students to more fully engage in one or both areas. If both, provide specific examples for both).

Nominator _____ Position _____

Building and Assignment _____