



EDUCATION

Seventh-day Adventist Church
SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Southwestern Union Conference wishes to recognize excellence among its teaching staff at both the elementary and the secondary level. Thus, the Union Office of Education will provide a \$500.00 award along with an appropriate certificate and plaque for six elementary teachers and two secondary teachers each year of the program's existence. The elementary awards will be given on the basis of one per conference except for two in the Texas Conference since it has more than twice as many teachers as any of the other conferences. The academy awards will be given without geographical basis to secondary teachers from conference academies operating in the union territory.

Domain I—Faith Integration

The teacher integrates the Seventh-day Adventist worldview and the school's philosophy, mission, vision, and core values into the curriculum. The teacher clearly communicates the school's philosophy, mission, vision, and core values to constituents, parents, and learners and demonstrates Christ-like behavior

Domain II—Planning and Preparation

The teacher sets learning outcomes that align with NAD content standards and encourage the development of: a connection to God and others, citizenship, collaboration, foundational competencies, critical thinking and problem solving, communication, and character.

Domain III—Instruction and Assessment

The teacher communicates effectively with learners, regarding learning outcomes, explanations of content, and directions for activities. The teacher uses formative, summative, and self-assessments as appropriate to provide supportive feedback, document learning, and plan for instruction. The teacher uses student learning data, independently and collaboratively, to monitor each learner's progress and develop or adjust appropriate learning experiences/plans

Domain IV—Learning Environment

The teacher creates an environment of respect and rapport by communicating and collaborating with learners, families, and colleagues. The teacher establishes a culture for learning that engages students in collaborative and self-directed learning, locally and globally.

Domain V—Professional Responsibilities

The teacher participates in the professional community in analyzing data from multiple sources to build a schoolwide vision and develop goals for student learning. The teacher develops and implements a professional learning plan that supports the schoolwide vision and goals. The teacher demonstrates professionalism as evidenced through integrity/ethical conduct, service to stakeholders, advocacy, decision-making, and compliance with school and conference policies.

Nominated teachers will have current denominational certification at the Standard or Professional level and regular employment status. They will have a minimum of 3 full years of teaching experience in the Southwestern Union. The teacher will be a full-time employee with at least half-time classroom teaching .

The Southwestern Union Conference Education Committee will be responsible for making the final award selection based on nominations from conference superintendents of schools (elementary) and academy principals (secondary).

Nominations will be made on the attached forms and will be due in the Southwestern Union Office of Education by January 30 of each year.

Superintendents are requested to submit three nominations (five from Texas) and academy principals two nominations for consideration. Additional letters of support for the nomination are welcome.

Awards will be determined by February 15 of each year with the actual award presentations being completed by June 1. Awards will be made at public meetings as arranged by the superintendent, the principal and the Union Office of Education.

Teachers will not be eligible to receive the award again for a five-year period after initially being honored.



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Nomination Form**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number (School) _____ Home _____

School _____

Conference _____ Present Position _____

Highest Academic Degree _____

Denominational Teaching Certificate: Standard _____ Professional _____ Administrator _____

Regular Employment Status: Yes ___ No ___ Teaching at Least Half Time: Yes ___ No ___

Denominational Employment Record

List Current Position First

Dates	School, City & State	Position/Grade Level
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Name of Individual Submitting the Nomination: _____

Signature: _____



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Please rate the nominee in the following areas with one being low and five being the highest.
Please place the appropriate number (1-5) in the blank.

- _____ **Domain I—Faith Integration**
- _____ **Domain II—Planning and Preparation**
- _____ **Domain III—Instruction and Assessment**
- _____ **Domain IV—Learning Environment**
- _____ **Domain V—Professional Responsibilities**

- _____ **TOTAL**

Why should this teacher receive a Southwestern Union Conference Excellence in Teaching Award? Please type and attach additional pages as necessary.
