

Golden Apple Award 2023

This spring the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will award the fifteenth annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten teachers throughout the Archdiocese of Washington will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.

The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue were the parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in five dioceses around the country.

ADW teachers, parents and students are invited to annually nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award. Please submit a nomination form to me by February 17, 2023.

Grace and Peace

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Eligibility Requirements

The candidate must be:

1. A practicing Catholic
2. A full-time teacher
3. Completed a minimum of three consecutive full years in their current Archdiocesan parish based or independent elementary or secondary school in the Archdiocese of Washington
4. The teacher must be state-certified to teach in MD, VA or DC and certified to teach religion by the ADW (if the teacher only teaches religion, they are not required to be state-certified)

The Nominating Process

One or a combination of the following may nominate teachers in an elementary or secondary school:

- A) A teacher
- B) A parent
- C) A student—with support of a parent

- ✓ All nominations will be sent to the principal by February 17, 2023.
- ✓ Before the principal approves the nomination, the nominee's pastor will verify the eligibility requirements listed above
- ✓ Once eligibility is verified, the nominee will be asked to fill out an application and return it to the principal by February 28, 2023

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GOLDEN APPLE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

Name of Teacher
Nominee:

Nominator's Name:

(Parent's Name if applicable)

- Parent &
Student
 Teacher

If an elementary student nominates a teacher, a parent must also sign the Nomination Form.

Nominated Yes Year No
Before:

Nominator's
Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominator's Telephone () -
Number

In a letter of recommendation, explain why you feel this teacher deserves a *Golden Apple Award*. Please give specific examples of the individual's unique qualities and teaching ability.

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February 17, 2023.**