

Teacher of Distinction

Excellence That Sets One Apart



Teacher of Distinction winners for 2018 included: Front Row: Jodie Thompson, Brenda Hatch LeKata Word, Takeyda Scruggs. Row Two: Michelle Guyton, Lee Anna Barnes, Emilt Carodine, Amber McFarland. Back Row: Janice Ward, Suzy White Williams, Tammy Jenkins, Kelly Hutcheson, Tosha Armstrong.

2019 Award
Nomination Form

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Nominate online at www.createfoundation.com

Teacher of Distinction Past Winners

Carver Elementary

2013 Mary Foster, A.
2013 Traci Hazel
2014 Susan Hankins
2015 Carole Elliott
2015 Anita McGraw
2016 Daytra Haley
2016 Lilian Young, A.
2017 Jennifer Lesure, A.
2017 Carolyn Beasley
2017 Michelle Powell
2018 Kelly Hutcheson
2018 Tammy Jenkins, A.

Joyner Elementary

2013 Andrea Cobb, A.
2013 Laurie Alford
2014 Caren Barber
2014 Allyson McGraw
2015 Dora Bell, A.
2015 Dana Daugherty
2016 Nicole Hazel
2016 Elizabeth Lair
2017 Karen Smith, A.
2017 Susan Culpepper
2017 Brenna Politte
2017 Carolyn Whipple, A.
2017 Cathryn Richey
2018 Brenda Hatch, A.
2018 Takeyda Scruggs
2018 Jodie Thompson
2018 Janice Ward
2018 Lekata Word, A.

Lawhon Elementary

2013 Celeste Ellis
2014 Amanda Koonlaba
2015 Lindsey Dill
2016 Amy Wyatt
2017 Jacqueline Shumpert
2018 Shannon Carlisle
2018 Keila Glenn
2018 Mary Patton, A.

Lawndale Elementary

2013 Melissa Harris
2014 Annette Akins
2015 Brenda Turner
2015 Kit Stafford
2015 April West
2016 Kathy Palmer
2017 Taylor Sparks
2018 Tosha Armstrong

Milam Elementary

2013 Tracye Nance
2013 Kim Wyatt
2014 Lesley Shields
2014 Telethia Newel
2015 Laura Sheffield
2015 Jethlynn McCraw
2016 Nancy Barrett
2016 Johnny Benefield
2016 Stephanie Wayne
2016 Crystal Wilson

2017 Kimberly Brumley
2017 Brooke Shoup
2017 Gina Fremont
2018 Chiquita Bobo, A.
2018 Shuwnda Edwards
2018 Aaron Ledbetter
2018 Amorita Shells

Parkway Elementary

2013 Amy Kingsley
2014 Janna Fairley
2015 Heather Cartwright
2015 Jennifer Mathis
2016 Jennifer Mathews
2017 Vickie Shumpert, A.
2018 April Gray
2018 Bridgett Hawkins
2018 Katie Michael

Pierce Street

2013 Cathy Enis
2013 Evanglina Joy Stanford
2014 Faith Mann, A.
2014 Nina Roberts
2015 Dana Maharrey
2015 Candace McFarland
2016 Anna Flemming
2016 Debra Wray
2017 Lealue Triplett
2018 Emily Carodine

Rankin Elementary

2013 Patricia Edwards, A.
2013 Kashauna Pittman
2014 Mollie Gratz
2015 Sherry Willis
2016 Chequitta Ivy
2016 Vickie McAnally
2016 Leona Ramey
2016 Marrion Winders
2017 Anna Miles
2018 Amber McFarland
2018 LaTonya Wright
2018 Cynthia Wright

Thomas Street

2013 Kalicia Henderson
2014 Cynthia Huddleston
2015 Donna Bridges
2015 Lacy Raper
2016 Patricia Jones
2016 Juanita Smith, A.
2017 Jesslyn Bailey
2017 Rasheda Kemp
2017 Stephanie Johnson
2018 Lee Anne Barnes
2018 Michelle Guyton

Tupelo High School

2013 Braden Bishop
2013 Amber Nichols-Buckley
2013 Anna Garner
2013 Timothy Matlock
2013 Jennifer Towery
2014 Monica Rowe
2014 Beverly Brister

2014 Marlo Hendrix
2014 Felisha Woods
2014 Kelly Manle
2015 Anne Marie Goad
2015 Virginia Miller
2015 Patricia Parker
2015 Lisa Sandroni
2016 Stephanie Allen
2016 Kelly Blanton
2016 Torri Clay
2016 Danielle Frerer
2016 Kayla Fisackerly
2016 Charles Clark Parker
2017 Laurie Bishop
2017 Jeramy Turner
2017 Gloria Jarrell
2018 Suzy White Williams

Tupelo Middle School

2013 Stephanie Cayson
2013 Sherrie Dickerson
2013 Yolanda Randle
2014 Sharon Davis
2014 Nytoshia Ezell, A.
2014 Mary Gray, A.
2014 Shasta Long
2014 Christina McCurdy
2015 Teresa Bernhauer
2015 Karma Brown
2016 James Mark Garrett
2016 Tina Fitts
2016 Dorie Kisner
2017 Amy Alexander
2017 Lashanda Garrett
2017 Cassie Swoope

Early Childhood Education Center

2013 Katie Pannell
2014 Cheryl Dexter
2015 Meredith Craig
2016 Aynsley Farmer
2017 Holly Allgood

Special Education/ Hombound

2014 Karen Logan

*Teachers listed in blue
have won within the past
five years and are not
eligible for a second
award.

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2019 Nomination Form

Teacher Assistant Teacher

(Please choose one)

Nominee name: _____

Home address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Subject(s) taught: _____

Grade(s) taught: _____ School: _____

Why do you believe this teacher/assistant should receive a Teacher of Distinction Award?

Nomination submitted by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Nomination Deadline: May 31, 2019
Mail to: CREATE Foundation . PO Box 1053 . Tupelo, MS 38802
or Nominate online at www.createfoundation.com



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Award Purpose

- To recognize, reward, and support teachers and assistant teachers of distinction in the Tupelo Public Schools.
- To attract private and public resources to build the endowment to help support excellent teaching.

Award Program

- Fund up to twenty \$1000 awards for teachers
- Fund up to three \$500 awards for assistant teachers
- Present a symbol of this designation as a Teacher of Distinction

Award Criteria

- Student academic performance and growth
- Ability to inspire students
- Excellence beyond required duties

- Professional achievement and development
- Ambassador for the school district and education
- Effective approaches to teaching
- High level of integrity in all areas

Nomination, Application and Selection Process

Nominations may be made by a student, parent, teacher, administrator, any school district employee or community citizen based on their observation and assessment of the nominee.

A nominated teacher must then apply by submitting the required documentation supporting their nomination.

A local screening committee consisting of the Innovations in Education Endowment Committee members and others, who may be designated to represent

the community, will provide an initial screening of all applications. An external selection committee will choose the award winners from that pool of teachers.

Nominations are due at the CREATE office by May 31, 2019. Awards will be presented September 16, 2019.

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