



2016 Fourth Annual Coconino County Teacher of the Year

General Information

The Coconino County Teacher of the Year (TOY) event is the only county-wide teacher recognition program that spotlights the contributions of our teachers. The TOY event recognizes three exceptionally skilled and dedicated public or charter school teachers in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. Nominees are teachers in their fifth year or more of teaching who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents, colleagues; and who inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. Candidates must continue active teaching status through the end of the 2015-2016 school year and have valid Arizona teacher certification.

Nominations for Teacher of the Year are currently being accepted and are due by January 11, 2016 at 5pm. Nominations can be made by anyone including students, parents, employees, supervisors, as well as the teachers can self-nominate. Please forward this information as necessary to encourage community participation in the nomination process. If you would like me to forward the nomination form to you, please let me know.

To be considered for the TOY title, the nominated teachers are required to submit the TOY application by 5pm on February 22, 2016. The application must be personally completed by the teacher and consists of multiple essay questions requiring in-depth personal reflection answers, as well as three support letters.

A panel of five Judges will be appointed and will complete the systematic selection process. Each Judge will read all nomination and application packets, personally scoring each using a rubric. Next the panel will meet to review and discuss their individual scores, determining the top five highest scoring applicants for interviews. The Judges will interview, discuss and score using another rubric to determine the three finalists. They will decide at the conclusion of the interviews who the two Ambassadors and the new Teacher of the Year will be, but are sworn to secrecy. The titles of the three finalists will be announced at the awards

event and a total of \$6,000 in cash prizes will be awarded; \$3000 for the Teacher of the Year and \$1500 each for the two Ambassadors. The Teacher of the Year will also receive a 2016 Toyota car on a one-year lease. Please mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, April 20 and join us in the celebration of excellent teachers.

Recognition Sponsor Information

This event is funded entirely by sponsorships from businesses and organizations, like yours, local and statewide. We are seeking to increase our TOY event sponsorship list and are hopeful that you will become a Recognition Sponsor. As a sponsor you could provide monetary and or service/product support. If you would like to be a service/product sponsor pre-approval is required. Please see attached 2016 Recognition Sponsorship form and contact Kim Graves at 928.679.8070 or kgraves@coconino.az.gov for service/product pre-approval or to confirm participation and your sponsorship amount.

Our Recognition Sponsors are the foundation of our annual TOY event. We could not accomplish our goals to show our community wide appreciation to our teachers if you were not involved. Your participation will be rewarded in several ways. Besides the satisfaction you and your employees will feel for providing educational support, you will also receive logo recognition in the printed event program and the slide show that is played during the event. Please refer to Ad Specs for logo size. **Please note, 2015 event programs and slideshow viewings are available upon request.**

New sponsors please provide a high resolution JPG and an EPS file of your company logo via email and forward any necessary forms required by your Finance Department for event sponsorship to kgraves@coconino.az.gov. **The preferred deadline for submission of your logo and sponsorship check is Wednesday, December 30, 2015. ** The extended deadline is Wednesday, January 20, 2016.****

On the check memo line please write: 2016 TOY and make check payable and mail to:

Coconino County Superintendent of Schools
2384 N. Steves Blvd.
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Attn: Kim Graves

After reviewing this information, we strongly urge you to support education and our exceptional teachers, both locally and nationally, by sponsoring TOY. For questions or to become a TOY Recognition Sponsor, please contact Kim Graves at 928.679.8070 or kgraves@coconino.az.gov. Also, please join us in this opportunity to celebrate, honor, and recognize the professional educators within our County community. Their tremendous efforts and successes create positive impacts and motivations, which are evident through the

successes of our students and their families here in Coconino County. We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Kim Graves

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