

The Big Apple Awards: *Recognizing Teacher Excellence in New York City* Frequently Asked Questions

Many common questions about The Big Apple Awards are answered below. If you have further questions that are not addressed here, please contact us at teacherexcellence@schools.nyc.gov. For more information about this year's program, please [click here](#).

The Big Apple Awards Nominations

Q. Who can nominate a teacher?

A. Anyone- students, parents, teachers, colleagues, principals, community members - can submit a nomination for a current NYC DOE or charter school teacher **by January 17, 2014**

Q. What information is required for a nomination?

A. Please include:

- 1) Nominated teacher's name
- 2) Nominated teacher's school name and borough

Q. What kind of teachers should I nominate?

A. Current, full-time NYC Department of Education and charter school teachers who have demonstrated exceptional success in the following areas: (I) Impact on Students' Learning, (II) Instructional Practices, and (III) Professional Contributions.

Q. Can I nominate myself?

A. Yes, self-nominations will be accepted.

Q. Am I able to nominate more than one teacher?

A. Yes, you may nominate more than one teacher for this award.

Q. Should I submit more than one nomination for any one individual?

A. No, you should not submit more than one nomination for the same individual.

Q. Who will see my nomination information?

A. The Big Apple Awards team and review committee will have access to nomination information. It is possible that statements from nominations will be used anonymously for the promotion of the award program.

Award Selection Process

Q. What happens after a teacher is nominated?

A. All nominees will be notified via email about the honor of being nominated for the second annual Big Apple Awards. After a review of nominations, a select group of nominees will be invited to complete a more comprehensive application by March.



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Q. If I am invited to apply, what happens after I complete my application?

A. All complete applications will be reviewed and Big Apple Awards Semi-Finalists and Finalists will be named. Semi-Finalists will be interviewed. Finalists will be visited in their classrooms. A total of 10 awardees will be announced and honored at a celebration in June.

Q. What does it mean to be a Big Apple Award winner?

A. The 10 Big Apple Awards recipients will continue to stay in the classroom, while serving as citywide ambassadors for the 2014-15 school year. For more information on the ambassador year, [click here](#).

Additional Questions

Q. Who is funding the Big Apple Awards?

A. The Big Apple Awards are made possible by generous support from the Fund For Public Schools.

Q. Who can I contact if I have any questions?

A. Should you have any additional questions, please email us at teacherexcellence@schools.nyc.gov.