**Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin (PBKAAGA)**

**Application Form for 2021 Teaching Excellence Award**

Congratulations! You have been nominated for the PBKAAGA Teaching Award. For many years, our Association has awarded scholarships to several graduating high school seniors and one enrolled college student. In 2018, we established an annual Teaching Excellence Award. The Award includes $2500 to the winning teacher and an additional $500 to the winner’s school, to be used in support of the winning teacher’s work and at their direction.

With the Teaching Excellence Award, we seek to recognize high school teachers in our area who exemplify the Phi Beta Kappa Motto – *Love of learning is the guide of life*.

From those nominated, the winning teacher will be chosen based on these criteria:

* Demonstrates instructional expertise as well as innovation and creativity in teaching methods and classroom activities.
* Displays the ability to engage students of varied backgrounds and abilities, cultivating joy of learning and critical thinking.
* Participates in activities that improve their knowledge and skill in the liberal arts and/or sciences.
* Shares their own classroom success through mentoring, curriculum development, publishing, and/or presentations.

**By *June 14***, nominees must submit the following by email:

* This application form
* Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a person other than the one who made the nomination.

The next steps in the process are these:

* On September 7th, two to five finalists will be announced.
* In early October, the winner will be announced, and the winner and their school notified.
* On November 7th, the Teaching Excellence Award will be presented at the PBKAAGA Fall Meeting in Austin.

1. **Your contact Information**

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| Full Name |  |
| Social Prefix (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) |  |
| Current Teaching Assignment(s) |  |
| School Email Address |  |
| Personal Email Address |  |
| Preferred Phone Number |  |
| Home Postal Address |  |

1. **Academic Preparation**

List the degrees you have earned, including major and date. List most recent first.

1. **Additional Professional Development**

List other key development activities in which you have participated, including topics and dates.

1. **Certifications**

List the professional certifications that you hold and the dates when they were issued.

1. **Professional Work History**

Cite your work history from the time you earned your initial college degree. Use as many rows as needed.

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| **Position** | **Dates** | **Employer** | **Primary Responsibilities** |
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1. **Professional Organizations and Professional Service**

List the professional organizations in which you are active, indicating dates of membership and any leadership positions. Include those for the last 5 years only.

1. **Awards, Grants, other Honors**

List any awards, grants or other honors you have received.

1. **Presentations and Publications**

Provide a list of your professional presentations and/or publications.

1. **Please choose one of the following and provide your response below.**
   1. **Describe a content lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher, indicating how you engaged students of all backgrounds and abilities in the learning. Describe how that learning influenced your students. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in this lesson or unit? (Limit 750 words)**
   2. **Describe a content lesson or unit that you created while teaching online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Explain how you addressed unique aspects of teaching online. Describe how your students responded to the lesson and how your beliefs about teaching are demonstrated in this lesson or unit. (Limit 750 words)**

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| **Response:** |

1. **In terms of skills, traits, attitudes, and day-to-day-actions, what do you consider the most crucial for successful student outcomes? (Limit 500 words)**

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| **Response:** |

1. **Letters of Recommendation**

Please submit two letters of recommendation along with this form. At least one letter must be from someone other than the person who nominated you: colleague, immediate supervisor, department head, school counselor, or parent. Letters should be on school letterhead if from someone affiliated with a school. **Please submit in PDF format – or as a digital scan if handwritten - no later than June 14.**

1. **NO LATER THAN June 14, please scan and submit this form and your letters of recommendation to** [**PBKAAGA@gmail.com**](mailto:PBKAAGA@gmail.com) **as PDF attachments.**

***Thank you for participating in our Teaching Excellence Award program - and again, congratulations.***

*If you have any questions about the form or the process, please contact Mary Diehl via email at* [*PBKAAGA@gmail.com*](mailto:PBKAAGA@gmail.com) *or by phone at 512-751-5153.*

*An electronic version of this form can be found here:* [*http://pbkaaga.wildapricot.org/Teacher-Award/*](http://pbkaaga.wildapricot.org/Teacher-Award/)