

# *Educator of the Year Award*

## Nomination Form

### **PURPOSE**

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce recognizes the contributions great teachers make in the lives of our youth and their ability to foster future leaders in our community, state, and nation. Most people would say their lives have been profoundly influenced by the care, dedication, wisdom, and enthusiasm of one or more teachers. In recognition of outstanding educators in our public and private schools, the Chamber proudly presents the “Educator of the Year Award” to recognize an elementary, middle, high school teacher, and professor at the higher educational level. The four winners will be recognized at the Chamber’s Annual Gala where each will receive a one-time stipend of \$250 to assist in his/her classroom.

### **NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals in the public, private schools and higher educational institutions employed as full-time teachers/professors who have taught in Sumter for two or more years are eligible recipients for this award.

### **CRITERIA**

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** The nominee is actively involved in the community. The nominee identifies and helps to bring community resources to students in both the school and community settings.
- **LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP:** The nominee helps students prepare for success at each educational level, in the community, and the future workforce by developing leadership and citizenship skills. The nominee instills leadership qualities in his/her students, which include creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and teamwork, and communication. The nominee also helps students develop good citizenship and character traits that include integrity, self-direction, global perspective, perseverance, work ethic and interpersonal skills. Students are also actively engaged in service-learning projects throughout the community.

### **NOTE:**

**In order for your nominee to be considered for this award, all criteria must be met and each section filled out accordingly. Please be detailed in your explanations.**

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**NAME OF NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADES/SUBJECT TAUGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/ DEAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK/CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS TEACHING IN SUMTER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS TEACHING ALL TOGETHER (IF IN OTHER COUNTIES/ETC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE/EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the following information to the best of your ability. The more information given, the better.**

**I. How does the nominee meet the above criteria in community engagement?**

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**II. How does the nominee meet the above criteria in leadership and citizenship?**

**III. Why do you feel the nominee should win the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award?**

Email submission to [breanna@sumterchamber.com](mailto:breanna@sumterchamber.com)

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