

Cabot Classroom Teacher Association

Honoring our school's best educators!



Cabot CTA has teamed up with Centennial Bank in Cabot to honor our district's most outstanding educators.

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Nominate Today!

Great teachers change lives. They unlock their students' potential and put them on paths to success. This year, Cabot teachers will be recognized for the great work of some of our best and brightest teachers with the annual "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**".

Cabot teachers are making a difference in the lives of Cabot students. Based on nominations from parents, colleagues, principals, students, and members of the public, 2 outstanding Cabot teachers will be recognized and awarded \$300.00 in May.

Our team will carefully review each nomination and narrow the list to 12 finalists:

6 Finalist from grades Pre-K - 6th grade

6 Finalist from grades 7th - 12th grade

Each of the finalists will receive a plaque from Centennial Bank

Two winners will then be selected: One Elementary and One Secondary

Each winner receives the "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**" and a \$300.00 cash award.

Before submitting a nomination, please see the Award Details.

Nominations may be made by connecting to link at the Cabot School District or by mail.

Questions concerning this award or the award process may be directed

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Cabot Classroom Teachers with Heart Award Details

How does it work?

- **The nominations will be made from February 1 – March 2**
- All nominees will be notified by email about the honor of being nominated for the annual “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award.**”
- After initial review, nominees will be invited to complete an information application. If Nominee does not complete an information form they will not be considered.
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee of five (5) members.

The “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**” will recognize excellence in the classroom by honoring teachers who go above and beyond to meet the needs of their students.

1. Twelve teachers will be selected as finalist for the “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**”.
2. A recognition dinner will be held in May that will recognize the finalist, who will receive a plaque provided by **Centennial Bank**.
3. All twelve “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart**” finalist will be recognized at the end of year district meeting.
4. During the end of the year district meeting two teachers will be awarded the Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award and receive a \$300.00 check from Cabot CTA 2017

2017 Eligibility

1. All nominees must be certified active teachers in Cabot School District.
2. All nominees must provide direct instruction to students in classroom settings. (This includes classroom teachers, subject teachers, certified professionals who provide direct instruction to students in Pre –K to 12 grade in a classroom setting , such as a reading specialist, speech therapist, interventionist, or certified activity teachers.)

Nominations

- Nominations for the 2017 “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**” will be open February 1, 2017 until March 2, 2017.
- Nominations may be submitted solely on an individual’s contributions or performance during the current school year, or for cumulative efforts over many years.
- Nomination forms will be distributed through school mail to all Cabot School District principals. Nomination forms will be available on a link at the Cabot School District web page.
- Nominations must be at least 100 or more words that describe why the teacher is being nominated.

Criteria

Nominations should be submitted on the basis of one or more of the following:

1. For the excellent performance of daily responsibilities and consistent devotion of time and energy beyond the requirements of a nominee's teaching position.
2. For the successful completion of an assigned activity, project or program outside the normal responsibilities of a nominee's teaching position.
3. For initiating, implementing or administering a new or innovative idea that substantially benefits the students and /or school of nominees.
4. For providing exceptional assistance and/or support to school and/or student related activities, projects or programs.
5. For exemplary individual efforts that inspire a spirit of cooperation among those employed by Cabot School District, which foster commitment to provide the highest quality of service to others, and that clearly demonstrate an extraordinary dedication to the education of children.
6. JUST BECAUSE YOU THINK THE NOMINEE IS A GREAT TEACHER!

Selection

1. All nominations received by the announced deadline will be reviewed and verified by a committee comprised of representatives from Cabot CTA, retired teacher, and others as deemed appropriate. **TIP: The committee depends heavily on the quality of the written essay of "Why you are nominating this teacher". Be sure to describe how this teacher goes above and beyond the daily call of duty.**
2. The superintendent will review and approve all nominees prior to release.
3. In the event that no nomination in a given category is determined to meet the "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart**" criteria, then no finalist will be chosen in that category.
4. Upon review and approval by the selection committee and school district superintendent, two of the finalist will be selected as the recipients of the "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**".

Application Details

1. The completed nomination must be postmarked by March 2, 2017. Mail to: **Pam Sowell Eastside Elementary School 17 Bellamy Street, Cabot, Arkansas**
2. If mailing the nomination, please type all information using 12 point type or print neatly.
3. Provide all information as requested on the nomination form. Complete the narrative section about the nominee. One (1) additional sheet of paper, single-sided may be attached to application to complete the narrative.
4. Nominations may be submitted online by filling out the "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**" nomination form located on the Cabot School District web page.
5. All information requested on the nomination must be completed at the time the application is submitted. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
6. The information on the nomination is considered property of Cabot CTA and may be used to advertise and promote the "**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**".
7. Any nominations submitted after the deadline will not be included. Questions may be sent via e-mail at any time until the application deadline.

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2017 Cabot Classroom Teachers with Heart Award Nomination Form

Teacher's Information				
Name:	Mr.	Mrs.	Ms.	Dr.
School :				
Subject or grade level:				
Person completing the nomination form				
Name:		Address:		
Contact Information: Phone number				
Email address:				

Please answer the following questions about the teacher that you are nominating. (See criteria)

The committee depends heavily on the quality of the written essay. Please be sure to describe how this teacher goes above and beyond the requirements of their teaching position.

One (1) additional sheet of paper, single-sided may be attached to application to complete the narrative. Please use 12pt font or print neatly.

You must write 100 or more words.

Why are you nominating this teacher?

How has this teacher improved your child's (or your) educational experience? (100 or more words)

Teachers with Heart Awards Nominations Questions

Q. Who can nominate a teacher?

A. Anyone – supervisors, colleagues, **parents, students, staff, and community members** – can submit a nomination for a current Cabot School District teacher by **March 2, 2017**.

Q. What information is required for a nomination?

A. Please include:

- 1) Nominated teacher's name.
- 2) Nominated teacher's school.
- 3) How does this teacher exhibit "Teachers with Heart"?
- 4) Nominations may be made online or by paper forms.

Q. What kind of teachers should I nominate?

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

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. "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart" 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 "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award". After a review of nominations, nominees will be invited to complete an information application by early April. Nominee must return questions to be considered.

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

A. All complete applications will be reviewed and "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" finalists will be named. Two awardees will be announced and honored at a celebration in May.

Q. What does it mean to be one of the, "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" winner?

A. Two teachers will receive 300.00 awards and the honor of being chosen as the teacher of the year.

Additional Questions

Q. Who is funding the "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award"?

A. "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" will be made possible by generous support from the Cabot Teacher Association and Centennial Bank.

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

A. Cabot Classroom Teacher Association President, Vice President or Secretary.

Pam Sowell, Brandy Gwatney , or McKala Barnett at:

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