

Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards 2012

Most educators will agree that the level of excellence a school achieves is directly related to the level of leadership provided by its principal. It is the combination of the principal's ability to manage, their interest in staff and students, their respect for learning and vision of the future that set the stage for the school's efforts to educate our children.

The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards seek to recognize those principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. In presenting these awards, The Washington Post Company Educational Foundation hopes to encourage excellence in school leadership and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony in May 2012.

ELIGIBILITY

A total of 21 awards will be presented – one representing the private schools of the Washington metropolitan area (as defined below), one representing the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools and 19 representing the public schools in the following areas:

District of Columbia

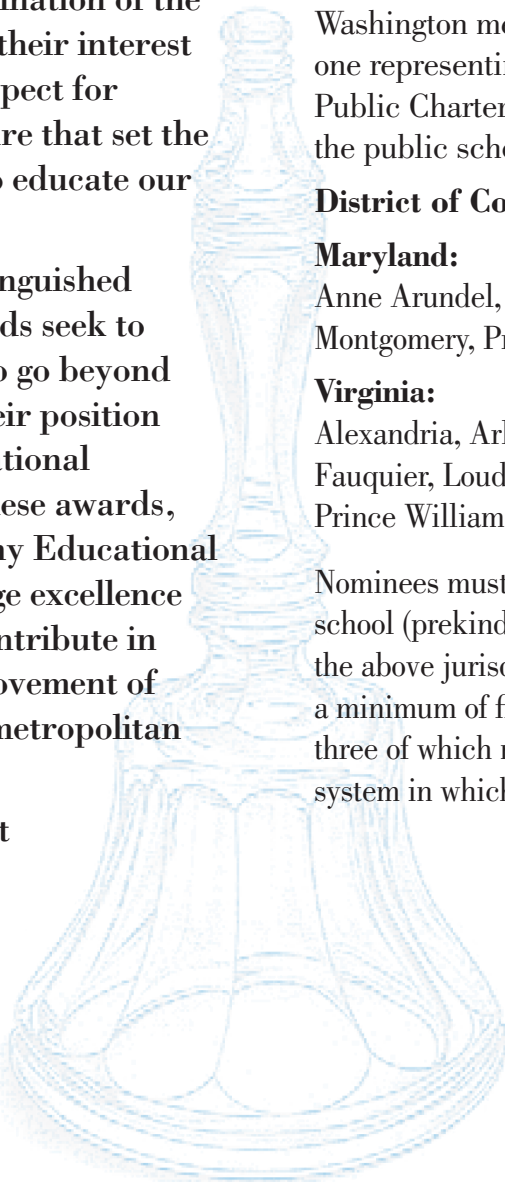
Maryland:

Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties

Virginia:

Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fauquier, Loudoun, Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William and Stafford Counties.

Nominees must be principals of an accredited school (prekindergarten through grade 12) in one of the above jurisdictions. Each nominee must have a minimum of five years experience as a principal, three of which must be in the school or school system in which he or she is currently serving.



NOMINATION CRITERIA

Nominees must be principals who:

Manage effectively

Demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation

Foster cooperation between the school and the community

Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as faculty and staff

Keep abreast of developments in the field of education

Encourage team spirit

Demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment

Continue to play an active role in the classroom

Maintain their position as principal throughout the 2012-13 school year

Nominee must participate in the four day 2012 DELA Seminar to be held between July 12-15, 2012

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators or the general public. Principals may not nominate themselves.

Nomination materials must include:

1. A minimum of four statements of support, one of which must be by a professional educator
2. A career summary
3. A description of contributions in each of the nomination criteria
4. Two color photographs. Photos must be submitted on a CD as 3x5, high-res jpegs with a minimum of 300 dpi. Laser prints of photos must accompany disk. Photos should include one head shot and one "action shot" of nominee at work

All nominations are due:

Friday, January 13, 2012

SELECTION

Public Schools

Each participating public school system will receive and screen nominations and will make the final selection, in accordance with the criteria and nomination process listed here.

Deadline for receipt of public school nominations is **Friday, January 13, 2012**. For further information, contact your local school superintendent's office.

District of Columbia Public Charter Schools

In accordance with the criteria and nomination process listed here, the D.C. Public Charter School Board will screen nominations and make the final selection of an awardee from the D.C. Public Charter School schools.

Deadline for receipt of D.C. Public Charter School nominations is **Friday, January 13, 2012**. For further information, contact the Public Charter School Board at 202.328.2660.

Nominations should be sent to:

Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards District of Columbia Public Charter School Board

**3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20010**

Private Schools

In accordance with the criteria and nomination process listed here, an independent committee of educators and community leaders will screen nominations and make the final selection of an awardee from the private schools.

Deadline for receipt of private school nominations is **Friday, January 13, 2012**.

Nominations should be sent to:

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**The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20071**

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