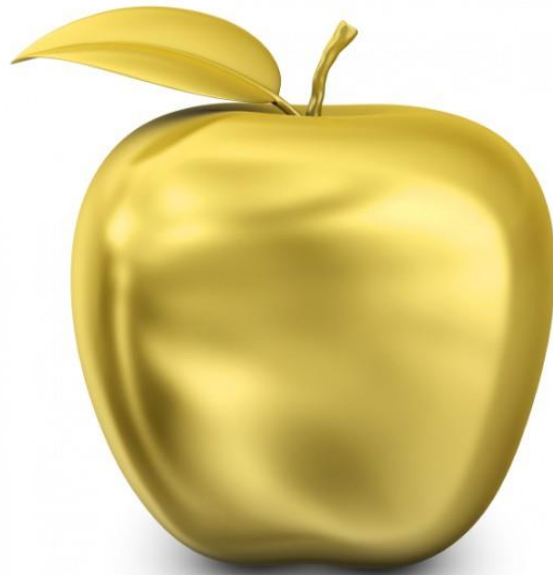




**Helping Families and Children in America Inc.
Buffalo Schools Teachers
“Celebrating S/Heroes in Education”
Nomination Application**



Application Due Date: April 15, 2020

Return applications to
Helping Families and Children in America, Inc.
150 Brunswick Blvd.
Buffalo, New York 14208



Nomination Form for Teacher Selection Process

“CELEBRATING S/HEROES IN EDUCATION”

Teachers who are interested in applying for teacher of the year should complete and return this application

Program Information:

Helping Families and Children in America, Inc., along with our partner, The Buffalo Teachers Federation, is excited to recognize and highlight educational innovation, student learning, the rewards of teaching, strategies to increase academic success, culturally and linguistically responsive teaching and narrowing the achievement gap among a range of students.

On Saturday, October 17, 2020, we will take this opportunity to “Celebrate all Teachers” from the Buffalo Public Schools. One BTF member from each of the 75 schools will be honored as Teacher of the Year, 2020-2021. Our Theme is: “Celebrating S/Heroes in Education” Teachers Appreciation and Recognition Awards Black-Tie Gala.

Further, our efforts are to attract public attention to the positive aspects of our teachers who work tirelessly in our educational system. This celebration, in retrospect, is to honor our “Unsung S/Heroes”.

The program's goals are:

- To identify and honor exemplary and highly qualified teachers throughout the Buffalo Public Schools only.
- To make the application process accessible to all teachers in the Buffalo Public Schools only. (including non-classroom teachers and teachers on special assignment).
- To encourage the participation of teachers in the Buffalo Public Schools who reflect the rich diversity of their students.
- To select a teacher from each school/site to effectively represent that school/site, to motivate and inspire other educators, and to champion the positive contributions of the teaching profession.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for the “Celebrating S/Heroes in Education” Award, applicants must be fully credentialed and members of the Buffalo Teachers Federation. Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years experience with the Buffalo Public Schools

Applicants must:

- Have completed 5 years of service in the Buffalo Public Schools at the time of submission.
- Have demonstrated leadership and innovation in and outside of the classroom that embodies lifelong learning, (e.g. volunteering, conference presentations, cultural field, etc.).

Selection Process:

Buffalo Public School District Only

All eligible teachers can apply for this award. Teachers must demonstrate exemplary teaching as outlined.

Applications must be submitted on or before the due date specified. Applications received and/or postmarked after the due date will not be accepted.

The selection process will take place in the following phases after all applications have been received:

- Committee Review of all applications
- Buffalo Teachers Federation review of final applicants
- Notification will be announced to selected awardees by June 20th

To evaluate the applications, Helping Families and Children in America, Inc. will convene a selection committee consisting of administrators, representatives from professional organizations, and teachers. Committee members will identify the applicants that best address the characteristics of excellent teaching.

Only one applicant from each school/site will be identified, as determined by committee consensus. Each school/teacher will be notified immediately after the specified completion of the above outlined process.

Selected applicants will meet with the committee to finalize all details and answer any questions or concerns.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their application to demonstrate the following:

- Put the reader in the classroom to visualize the classroom setting.
- Convey depth of content knowledge and how to deliver it creatively and in a differentiated fashion to engage all students.
- Reflect the teacher's personal journey and show the teacher's influence beyond the classroom and into the school community.
- Maintain a student-centered perspective as the applicant weaves in numerous examples of student engagement.

- Inspire through the commitment as a lifelong learner who models dedication to continued learning.
- Focus on building relationships that transform and empower students, parents, and community.
- Reflect the teacher's dedication to the belief that all children can achieve.

Application Deadline:

Application Deadline is April 15, 2020. Applications submitted online should be emailed to minesj.hfca@gmail.com and must be received by 9:00 P.M. on April 15th. Applications sent via U.S. mail must be postmarked by April 15th. **Applications can be mailed to Helping Families and Children, 150 Brunswick Blvd., Buffalo, New York 14208.**

Any application submitted after the date and /or the time specified will not be considered this year. We encourage you to submit your application prior to the deadline. Visit us at hfcainc.org to learn more about Helping Families and Children in America, Inc.

Please try to limit your application to 10 pages or fewer in total, double-spaced and typed. Make sure your contact information appears outside of a sealed envelope and on your application.

For additional questions, please contact Jackie Mines, 716-818-7073 or email minesj.hfca@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation.





Teachers' Appreciation & Recognition
Black-Tie Awards Gala
CELEBRATING
"S/HEROES OF EDUCATION"

Nomination Form

Teacher's Name

1. Number of Years Teaching (Teacher must have completed 5 years of teaching.)

2. Teacher's Grade Level and Subject's

_____ / _____ / _____

3. School(s)

4. Principal Name and contact number

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5. School Phone Number and your contact number

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**Please use additional paper for questions 6 thru 10 with question numbers specified.*

6. List any professional development, continuing education courses, certification(s) that you have attended/earned within the last three years.

7. Discuss your instructional delivery style. Give specific example of what worked best and why. How do you create a positive atmosphere in your classroom? How do you use technology in your classroom? How do you check for understanding during your lessons?

8. Discuss your out-of-school volunteer and community work.

9. Discuss student learning in your class(es). You may attach pictures, examples, excerpts or writings, etc. to show student learning. **Please be sure that no photographs of students, excerpts, or writings make it possible to identify any student.**
