



**Byron Center Chamber of Commerce  
Educator of the Year Awards  
Nomination Instructions – April 25, 2022**

The Byron Center Chamber of Commerce will honor outstanding educators at its Second Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, October 13, 2022. To recognize those who help shape the leaders of our future, the chamber will give awards in the following categories:

- Public School Secondary Educator of the Year (grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Public School Primary Educator of the Year (grades Pre-K/Young 5's through 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Private School Secondary Educator of the Year (grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Private School Primary Educator of the Year (grades Pre-K/Young 5's through 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Eligible Nominees:** Any person holding a current State of Michigan Teaching Certificate who is actively working in, or who retired within the past 12 months from, one of the following public or private schools may be nominated as an Educator of the Year:

- Public: Byron Center Public Schools (all buildings) and Byron Center Charter School
- Private: South Christian High School, Zion Christian School, and Byron Center Christian School (both buildings)

**Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based on the nominee's demonstrated performance which:

- Meets or exceeds the professional standards for educators of their category set by their school/district and the State of Michigan;
- Provides support and/or motivation for students' academic and behavioral performance beyond that traditionally expected of educators;
- Provides exceptional support to their school/district and fellow educators that results in excellence in academic and personal achievements by the school and its students;
- Provides support to school families that improves their students' academic and behavioral performance; and
- Provides support to their community that enhances its quality of life.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or .pdf (typed) format on one or more pages meeting the commonly accepted standards of professional business or educational written communication. They must include the following information in the order listed:

1. Name and contact information of the nominee, including the name of the school where they work;
2. The award category for which they are being nominated;
3. Name and contact information of the nominator and how they know of the nominee's performance; and
4. Written narrative that clearly demonstrates how the nominee meets or exceeds all or any of the Selection Criteria listed above, in each case citing the specific criteria which apply.

Commentary supporting the nomination may also be submitted by others as long as the comment writer's contact information and the name of the nominee are included. Supporting commentary may be on separate pages but must meet the same standards as the nomination and be submitted with the nomination.

Nominations must be sent via email to [info@byroncenterchamber.org](mailto:info@byroncenterchamber.org) by 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The email's subject line must state "Educator Nomination".

**Awards:** The chamber will notify the winners and their school/district by Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Winners will receive an award and public recognition.

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