

# The OnPoint Prize for Excellence in Education



## Nomination Form

The OnPoint Prize recognizes a strong commitment to education and the results it produces. Nominees should have a demonstrated ability to challenge and inspire students to learn. **Anyone can make a nomination. If you are a teacher, you can even nominate yourself.** If you know an educator in our community who should be recognized, we want to hear from you.

## Qualifications

- Applicants must be a teacher of grades K–8 or 9–12 in an accredited public, private or charter school located within any county that OnPoint serves (Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington).
- Applicants must be full-time or job-share classroom teachers, counselors, or librarians at time of application (not as a substitute teacher).
- For job-share co-applicants: Each applicant must complete a separate application and submit them together. If selected as a prize winner, job-share co-applicants will split the prize.
- Previous OnPoint Prize winners must wait two consecutive years after their win to apply for the OnPoint Prize again. OnPoint Prize Educator of the Year winners and immediate family members of OnPoint staff are not eligible.

## Entry Guidelines

- Each entry must include all three completed parts of the application, submitted together at one time. Please do *not* submit this instructional sheet with your application.
- On Part 1 of the application, clearly mark the award that you are applying for, K–8 or 9–12.
- Each entry must include Part 1 of this form as the front page. Please do not type your own cover page to add to the nomination form.
- Entries become the property of OnPoint Community Credit Union upon submission. If you would like to have your entry returned, please provide a prepaid envelope with all mailing information filled out and include it with the nomination entry.
- Please see [www.onpointprize.com](http://www.onpointprize.com) for additional qualifications and contest rules.

Please complete all three parts of the nomination form, print it out, and mail it to:

The OnPoint Prize Selection Committee  
PO Box 3750  
Portland, Oregon 97208

It is the responsibility of the nominator or the nominee to fill out the form accurately. Nominations must be received by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017. Nomination packets can also be dropped off at any OnPoint branch location. **Please keep this page of the nomination form for your reference.**

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AWARD CATEGORY	APPLICATION NUMBER



## Part 1: Required Information

AWARD CATEGORY: K-8 9-12

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/subject(s) taught / Class Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
School Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in school \_\_\_\_\_ Public Private Charter

School address \_\_\_\_\_ School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's home address \_\_\_\_\_ Home/cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest OnPoint Branch \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the nominee been in their current position? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years of teaching experience does the nominee have? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nominee have other responsibilities (coach, advisor, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee licensed/accredited? Yes No If yes, list. \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee a job-share applicant? Yes No If yes, please list co-applicant. \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the qualifications and guidelines for submitting this nomination form.

## If you are nominating a teacher, please complete:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2

### Essay Questions

Please answer the following essay questions on separate sheets of paper. Include the essay question first, followed by your answer. **Answer each question in 500 words or less** and include the nominee's first and last name at the top of each sheet. Then attach your answers to the rest of the application.

1. How are the nominee's teaching methods innovative or exemplary? What is effective about his/her teaching style? Give examples.
2. Please describe one specific lesson that displayed the teacher's enthusiasm in the classroom and had a significant effect on students. For example, did the students show learning, demonstrate comprehension, or apply new skills?
3. Please share some of the teacher's major accomplishments. For example, what lasting impact has the nominee had on students, parents, and peers? Give examples.

## Part 3

### Support Materials

In addition to the information provided in Parts 1 and 2, please attach:

1. Three letters of recommendation for this nominee. Suggested sources for the letters are one from the teacher's principal, one from a peer, and one from a student or student family member.
2. A portfolio of the teacher's work and accomplishments should be submitted with this application. Portfolio pieces could include: Student notes, interesting projects, unique assignments, or DVDs of classroom work. Please submit electronic portfolio samples (if any) on a DVD or CD. Accepted file types include: .mp3, .wav, .flv, .mov, .avi, .wmv, .swf and .mht.