



Golden Apple Award
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Media Release

Richard L. Nunley, Chairman, is pleased to announce that Better Living Building Supply & Better Living Furniture is sponsoring the **12th Annual Golden Apple Awards** for outstanding teachers from our school systems. These awards are presented to faculty members from the public and private schools in Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville, including CATEC. Eligible private schools are those that are members of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS).

The **Golden Apple Award** is a means of selecting and honoring some of our outstanding teachers. Teachers are most important in nurturing our children's inquisitive minds and preparing them for the challenges of the future.

Nominate a teacher and show your appreciation and support!

The Golden Apple Award

Award recipients receive a *Golden Apple*, as well as gift certificates from local businesses. As a *Golden Apple* teacher, each candidate is then eligible to receive a \$1,000 Grant. Grants are awarded to eight candidates: three elementary, two middle, and two high school candidates of the public schools in Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville and CATEC, and one from the schools that are members of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). The grant award can be used for classroom materials or to support the recipient's continued professional development.

The Golden Apple Awards will be announced on *May 10, 2012*.

Nomination forms are available from the local schools or online at www.betterlivingvirginia.com or www.k12albemarle.org

Deadline for Nominations: February 29, 2012 – return nomination form to the teacher's school principal.

Questions?

Contact **Reeda Deane** or **Wandae Johnson**, Albemarle County Schools, **434-296-5820**.

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Richard L. Nunley, Chairman, is pleased to announce that Better Living Building Supply & Better Living Furniture is sponsoring the **12th Annual Golden Apple Awards Ceremony** for outstanding teachers from our school systems. These awards are presented to faculty members from the public and private schools in Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville including CATEC. Eligible private schools are those that are members of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS).

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The Golden Apple Award

One winner will be selected from each school. Award recipients will receive a Golden Apple, as well as gift certificates from local businesses. As a "Golden Apple" teacher, each recipient is eligible to receive a \$1,000 Golden Apple Grant. Grants will be awarded to eight candidates: three elementary, two middle, and two high school candidates, and one from the schools that are members of the VAIS. The grant award can be used for classroom materials or to support the recipient's continued professional development. Golden Apple Award recipients will be announced in May.

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Eligibility

Candidates are faculty members at any level (pre-school through grade twelve) and in any discipline. Candidates for this award have demonstrated excellence in teaching and involvement in the community

outside the school. For more information, see Nomination Criteria. Golden Apple Award recipients who received this award within the past three years are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Criteria

The nominee exhibits the following characteristics:

- Creates a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.
- Stimulates thought and provokes student dialogue.
- Challenges students to reach high standards and expectations.
- Understands the needs of students individually and collectively, and meets those needs with determination, enthusiasm and imagination.
- Involves families in the education process.

Nomination Process

1. Based on the nomination criteria, candidates may be nominated for the Golden Apple Award by colleagues, students, and/or community members. Deadline to submit a nomination: **February 29, 2012**
2. Nominations must be forwarded to and signed by the school principal for advancement to the selection process (signature obtained in "Part 2" of the nomination form).

Selection Process

1. The Selection Committee reviews the nominations and qualifies them for the selection process.
2. **One candidate from each school and level is selected as the Golden Apple Award recipient.**
3. Award recipients receive a *Golden Apple*, as well as gift certificates from local businesses. As a *Golden Apple* teacher, each candidate is then eligible to receive a \$1,000 Grant. Grants are awarded to eight candidates: three elementary, two middle, and two high school candidates of the public schools in Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville and CATEC, and one from the schools that are members of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). The grant award can be used for classroom materials or to support the recipient's continued professional development. Golden Apple Award winners are announced in May.

Award Ceremony

Golden Apple Award recipients are invited to a reception in their honor on **May 10, 2012**, in The Lane Auditorium at the Albemarle County Office Building on McIntire Road. Grant recipients will be selected and announced at the ceremony.

Selection Committee

Co-Chairs: (Appointed by Better Living Building Supply & Better Living Furniture)

- Dr. Kevin Castner, retired Superintendent, Albemarle County Schools
- John Baldino, retired Director, Blue Ridge Uniserv

Representatives:

- Rhonda Angel, Representative, Parent Council, Albemarle County Public Schools
- Jakki Crocker, Representative, Parent Council, Charlottesville City Schools
- VACANT, Representative, Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS)
- Dave Oberg, Representative, Blue Ridge Uniserv

QUESTIONS?

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12th Annual Golden Apple Award

Nomination Application – Part One

Candidates are faculty members at any level (pre-school through grade twelve) and teach any discipline. Candidates for this award have demonstrated excellence in teaching and involvement in the community outside the school.

Name of Nominee _____

School Name _____

Level Elementary Middle High

Private Public CATEC

Grade/Subject _____

School Address _____

Nominated by: _____

May we notify the nominee of your nomination? Yes No

Deadline for Nominations: **February 29, 2012**

Return completed nomination form to the teacher's school principal

Based on the following criteria, in your own *typewritten* words (500 or less), on the back of this sheet or an attached page, explain why this person is deserving of the Golden Apple Award.

Nomination Criteria

The nominee exhibits the following characteristics:

- A. Creates a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds
- B. Stimulates thought and provokes student dialogue
- C. Challenges students to reach high standards and expectations
- D. Understands the needs of students individually and collectively and meets those needs with determination, enthusiasm, and imagination

Part Two:

In order to continue in the Selection Process, the nomination form must be signed by the Building Level Administrator.

- E. Involves families in the education process