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Dear Division Coordinator:

This packet of materials contains information about the **Virginia Association for the Gifted Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award**. We invite you to nominate a candidate or candidates from your school division by completing the enclosed Division Nomination Form (page 1). Divisions may select one nominee per 30,000 students enrolled and may make extra copies of the enclosed application materials. Please have your division superintendent endorse nominations by signing each nomination form. Once you have notified your nominee(s), please send the Division Nomination Form(s) to the nominee(s) to include in their packet. Nominees should include the Division Form (page 1) with their materials and mail the entire packet to the VAG office no later than March 1. We have included a checklist for nominees to use in making sure their materials are complete. VAG will select up to one Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for each of the nine regions in Virginia (please see enclosed map).

This is an annual VAG award highlighting the accomplishments of talented educators providing services to gifted students in the Commonwealth. The award will be presented at the annual VAG conference or seminar. We hope that your division will choose to participate by sending VAG your nominee(s) for the Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award.

Sincerely,

Carol Horn
President

Please Note: All application materials should fit into a 9 x 13 envelope and will not be considered complete unless we receive an original and 3 copies.

Please return nomination and application packets by March 1 to:
Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award
Virginia Association for the Gifted
P. O. Box 26212
Richmond, VA 23260-6212

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED
APPLICATION PACKET

Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award

CRITERIA

All nominees from the state of Virginia for the VAG Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award must:

- Submit verification of training in gifted education
- Have taught gifted children/youth for at least three years
- Be teaching gifted children/youth during the current school year (This may include regular classroom teachers, consultation teachers, or teachers of gifted)
- Exhibit outstanding qualities related to gifted education in the areas of teaching, curriculum development and adaptation, working with gifted children/youth, working with parents of gifted children/youth, and dealing with other staff and administrators
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to gifted education through professional experiences, professional organizations and services in the area of education for the gifted
- Be a member of VAG (nominees may renew or join at time of nomination)

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION PACKET

- _____ **Division Nomination Form, with Superintendent's signature**

- _____ **Candidate Nominee Form completed and signed**

- _____ **Professional Experience and Educational Background information completed**

- _____ **Three (3) letters of recommendation included from colleagues, parents, or students**

- _____ **Description of participation in professional activities (no more than 1 page)**

- _____ **Essay (no more than 2 pages), double-spaced, describing effective teaching methods and innovative applications in the classroom**

- _____ **Paragraph of 75 words or less, double-spaced, that highlights your work in gifted education. This paragraph will be read at the awards ceremony and printed in the VAG Newsletter should you be selected.**

- _____ **One original and three photocopies on 8 ½ x 11 white paper, one side only, stapled in top left corner**

- _____ **These materials, with no additions, mailed to VAG in a 9 x 13 envelope by March 1.**

- _____ **Nominee is a member of VAG**

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

DIVISION NOMINATION FORM Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award

Nominee's Name: _____ Membership # _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

School System: _____

Section A: The person wishing to nominate for the division should fill in the following:

I wish to nominate _____
as our system's Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted because: (Write a brief statement below.)

Signature and Title Date

Section B: Verification of Division Superintendent

Name and Address of School Superintendent:

Superintendent's Signature

(Please send application packet to candidate to be completed and mailed.)

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

CANDIDATE NOMINEE FORM Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award

Nominee's Name: _____ Membership # _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School System: _____

Name and Location of School(s) in Which You are Presently Teaching:

Principal: _____ Principal: _____

Subject(s)/Grade Level(s): _____

Of the total number of students you teach, what percentage are identified by your local school district as gifted? _____ (Example: 25 students, 5 gifted = 20%)

Have you obtained the add-on endorsement in gifted education?

Yes No In Process (# of hours completed _____)

Specify the areas for which you have certification by Virginia: _____

Total years of teaching experience: _____

Total years of working with gifted students: _____

Are you a member of VAG? Yes No (Mail membership application and check to VAG.)

Signature of Nominee

Date

The nominee must submit one original and three photocopies of the following information on standard-size, 8 ½ x 11 white paper, written on one side only, stapled in the top left corner.

1. *Complete the Professional Experience and Educational Background sections below.*
2. *Submit three (3) letters of recommendation from colleagues, students, and/or parents relating specific areas of strength in gifted education.*
3. *Describe in no more than one page, your participation in professional organizations, committees, workshops, parent activities and conferences. List any awards and/or honors.*
4. *In no more than two, double-spaced pages, describe effective teaching methods and innovative applications in the classroom that you have used to benefit gifted students.*
5. *Paragraph of 75 words or less, double-spaced, that highlights your work in gifted education. This paragraph will be read at the awards ceremony and printed in the VAG Newsletter should you be selected.*

All application materials must fit into a 9 x 13 envelope. Please do NOT send any additional materials, artifacts or photographs.

Professional Experience

Previous Teaching Experience (List most recent position first.)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Ex: 1996-2004</i>	<i>Greenbriar Elementary</i>	<i>South Fork County</i>	<i>Gifted Resource Teacher</i>

Educational Background
