



Golden Apple Award

2018-19

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Through the generosity and kindness of the Jack and Rhodora Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Golden Apple Award has been established to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools. This awards program has been expanded from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to include the Diocese of Toledo. The 2018-19 school year marks the fourteenth consecutive year that this prestigious award has been presented in the Diocese of Toledo.

The Golden Apple Award



- ❁ Given to seven (7) preschool and/or elementary school teachers and two (2) secondary teachers each year. The award consists of:
 - ❁ Cash award of \$5,000
 - ❁ Golden Apple with 24 carat gold cross
 - ❁ Individual Photo with the Bishop
 - ❁ Group photo with the other awardees and the Bishop

Awards are presented at a banquet on **May 8th** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, Ohio.



Requirements

The candidate must be

- ✿ Practicing Catholic
- ✿ Full time teacher with minimum 3 years experience in the school at which they are currently teaching
- ✿ Nominated by a teacher, student or parent (If student nominates a teacher in an elementary school, it must be done with a parent.)
- ✿ Hold a valid license or certification to fulfill both diocesan and state requirements

Timeline 2019



January 2, 2019 Nomination forms are made available on the diocesan website, shared through the Principal News and posted in the Teacher Bulletin.

February 1, 2019 Nomination forms due to principals to verify eligibility.

February 8, 2019 Teacher nomination forms forwarded to priehl@toledodiocese.org at the Catholic Schools Office to begin the application process online. Teachers will be sent an email invitation to join the Golden Apple Google Classroom to complete the application process during the month of February.

March 8, 2019 Application process completed by the nominated teachers in the Golden Apple 2019 Google Classroom. Judging by committee begins.

April Winners notified and announcements made. Videotaping sessions in teacher classrooms scheduled.

May 8th Golden Apple Awards Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg

Step 1: Nominations



January

- ❁ Link for the nomination form on the Diocese of Toledo website, in Nuntius, in the Principal Newsletter and Teacher Bulletin

- ❁ Post form or link in your ...
 - ❁ School Newsletter
 - ❁ Church Bulletin
 - ❁ School and Church Websites

Step 2: Nominations Due to Catholic Schools Office



February

- ❁ Principal collects the nomination forms and letters are checked for eligibility based on requirements on slide #4
- ❁ Confirmed nominations are forwarded to the Catholic Schools Office in care of Peggy Riehl at priehl@toledodiocese.org

Step 3: Applications



- ❁ Applications are completed in Google Classroom no later than Friday, **March 8th**.

- ❁ Applications include:
 - ❁ Nomination form and letter emailed to priehl@toledodiocese.org
 - ❁ Pastor or President's letter of support
 - ❁ Principal's letter of support
 - ❁ Essay on *Living the Credo in Your Classroom*
 - ❁ Leadership and Community Service Form

- ❁ Added to application by the CSO
 - ❁ Copy of Ohio licensure or certification
 - ❁ Copy of Catechetical Certificate (if religion teacher)
 - ❁ CEUs for last 5 years

Step 4: Final Selection



- ❁ Applications are reviewed by a committee and final selection is made.
- ❁ Candidates will be notified through their principal and announcements made.

Step 5: Videotaping

In April

- ❁ Dates are arranged to visit classrooms to videotape

Step 6: Celebration



May 8th

Golden Apple Awards Banquet

with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg

Our Credo

We believe our Catholic School is not only a school,
but a community of Faith

We believe those entrusted to us are not only students,
but children of God

We believe we are not only educators,
but Ministers of the Gospel

We believe the values we teach are not only
character development, but a call to Holiness

We believe our courses of study are not only
academic pursuits, but a search for the Truth

We believe the purpose of education is not only
for personal growth and the development of society,
but for the Transformation of the world.

2018 Golden Apple Honoree Videos

[View all videos](#) or click on a name to view a short video about

each of these outstanding teachers:

[Chrissy Elwer](#), St. John's, Delphos

[MyLien Floyd](#), St. Joseph, Sylvania

[Jan McNichol](#), Regina Coeli, Toledo

[Elizabeth Taylor](#), All Saints, Rossford

[Katie Rietschlin](#), Sacred Heart, Shelby

[Chrissy Elwer](#), St. John High School, Delphos

[Jennifer Thobe](#), St. Paul High School, Norwalk

[Katie Gilsdorf](#), CCMT Queen of Apostles, Toledo

[Mary Morris](#), Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Toledo

[Cindy Moening](#), St. Michael the Archangel, Findlay

Bishop Thomas' Introductory [video link](#)