

Cabot Classroom Teacher Association



Honoring our school's best educators!

Cabot CTA has teamed up with Centennial Bank in Cabot to honor our district's most outstanding educators.

Great teachers change lives. They unlock their students' potential and put them on paths to success. This year, the Cabot Teacher Association (CTA) will recognize the great work of some of our best and brightest teachers with the annual ***"Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award"***.

Cabot teachers are making a difference in the lives of Cabot students. Based on nominations from parents, colleagues, principals, students, and members of the public, 3 outstanding Cabot teachers will be recognized and awarded \$250.00 in May. Winners for 2014 were Dwight Daughtery High School, Debbie Polston Mid-Level, Kathy Hill Elementary.

Our team will carefully review each nomination and narrow the list to 17 finalists:

- One teacher from each of the 9 elementary schools
- One teacher from each mid-level school (CMSN, CMSS, CJHS, CJHN)
- One teacher from High School, Freshman Academy, ACE, and ALE)
- Each of the finalists will receive a plaque.

Three **Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award** winners will then be selected from the 17 finalists:

- Each winner receives the **Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award** and \$250.00 cash.
 - Winners from 2014 will not be eligible to win in 2015 but will be able to be nominated again after this year

Before submitting a nomination, please see the Award Details.

Nominations may be made by connecting to link at the Cabot School District or by mail. Nominations may also be dropped off at any school location in a sealed envelope. Questions concerning this award or the award process may be directed to: pam.sowell@cps.k12.ar.us, brandy.gwatney@cps.k12.ar.us or mckala.barnett@cps.k12.ar.us

Cabot Classroom Teachers with Heart Award Details

How does it work?

- **The nominations will be made from January 15 – March 2**
- All nominees will be notified by email about the honor of being nominated for the first annual “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award.**”
- After initial review, nominees will be invited to complete an information application.
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee of five (5) members.
- Up to 3 awardees will be announced and honored at a celebration in May 2015

The “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**” will recognize excellence in the classroom by honoring teachers who go above and beyond to meet the needs of their students.

1. Seventeen teachers will be selected as finalist for the “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**”.
2. A recognition dinner will be held in May that will recognize the finalist, who will receive a plaque provided by **Centennial Bank**.
3. All seventeen “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart**” finalists will be recognized at the end of year district meeting.
4. During the end of the year district meeting one High school teacher, one Mid-level teacher and one Elementary teacher will be presented with the “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart**” and \$250.00 cash.

2015 Eligibility

1. All nominees must be certified active teachers in Cabot School District.
2. All nominees must provide direct instruction to students in classroom settings. *(This includes classroom teachers, subject teachers, certified professionals who provide direct instruction to students in Pre–K to 12 grade in a classroom setting , such as a reading specialist, speech therapist, interventionist, or certified activity teachers.)*
3. *Winners from 2014 will not be eligible for 2015. Those winner will be able to be nominated in future years.*

Nominations

- Nominations for the 2015 “**Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award**” will be open January 15, 2015 until March 2, 2015.
- Nominations may be submitted solely on an individual’s contributions or performance during the current school year, or for cumulative efforts over many years.
- Nomination forms will be distributed through school mail to all Cabot School District Principals. Nomination forms will be available on a link at the Cabot School District web page.
- Nomination forms will be available at Centennial Bank locations in Cabot.

NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY ANYONE. PLEASE BE SURE TO NOMINATE A TEACHER

Criteria

Nominations should be submitted on the basis of one or more of the following:

1. For the excellent performance of daily responsibilities and consistent devotion of time and energy beyond the requirements of a nominee's teaching position.
2. For the successful completion of an assigned activity, project or program outside the normal responsibilities of a nominee's teaching position.
3. For initiating, implementing or administering a new or innovative idea that substantially benefits the students and /or school of nominees.
4. For providing exceptional assistance and/or support to school and/or student related activities, projects or programs.
5. For exemplary individual efforts that inspire a spirit of cooperation among those employed by Cabot School District, which foster commitment to provide the highest quality of service to others, and that clearly demonstrate an extraordinary dedication to the education of children.
6. YOU THINK THE NOMINEE IS A GREAT TEACHER!

Selection

1. All nominations received by the announced deadline will be reviewed and verified by a committee comprised of representatives from Cabot CTA, retired teacher, and others as deemed appropriate.

TIP: The committee depends heavily on the quality of the written essay of "Why you are nominating this teacher". Be sure to describe how this teacher goes above and beyond the daily call of duty.

2. The superintendent will review and approve all nominees prior to release.
3. In the event that no nomination in a given category is determined to meet the "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart" criteria, then no finalist will be chosen in that category.
4. Upon review and approval by the selection committee and school district superintendent, three of the finalist (one high school, one mid-level, and one elementary school teacher) will be selected as the recipients of the "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award".

Application Details

1. The completed nomination must be postmarked by March 2, 2015. Mail to: Pam Sowell Eastside Elementary School 17 Bellamy Street, Cabot, Arkansas
2. If mailing the nomination, please type all information using 12 point type or print neatly.
3. Provide all information as requested on the nomination form. Complete the narrative section about the nominee. One (1) additional sheet of paper, single-sided may be attached to application to complete the narrative.
4. Nominations may be submitted online by filling out the "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" nomination form located on the Cabot School District web page.
5. Nominations may also be submitted at each school location in a sealed envelope with Words: CTA Teacher's with Heart Award, attention : Pam Sowell Eastside
6. All information requested on the nomination must be completed at the time the application is submitted. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
7. The information on the nomination is considered property of Cabot CTA and may be used to advertise and promote the "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award".
8. Any nominations submitted after the deadline will not be included. Questions may be sent via e-mail at any time until the application deadline. Questions may be sent via e-mail at any time until the application deadline.

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2015 Cabot Teachers with Heart Award Nomination Form

Teacher's Information

Name:	Mr.	Mrs.
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School :

Subject or grade level:

Person completing the nomination form

Name:	Address:
Contact Information: Phone number	
Email address:	

Please answer the following questions about the teacher that you are nominating. (See criteria)
The committee depends heavily on the quality of the written essay. Please be sure to describe how this teacher goes above and beyond the requirements of their teaching position. One (1) additional sheet of paper, single-sided may be attached to application to complete the narrative. Please use 12pt font or print neatly.

Why are you nominating this teacher?

How has this teacher improved your child's (or your) educational experience?

Teachers with Heart Awards Nominations FAQ's

Q. Who can nominate a teacher?

A. Anyone – supervisors, colleagues, parents, students, staff, and community members – can submit a nomination for a current Cabot School District teacher by **March 2, 2015**.

Q. What information is required for a nomination?

A. Please include:

- 1) Nominated teacher's name.
- 2) Nominated teacher's school.
- 3) How does this teacher exhibit "Teachers with Heart"?
- 4) Nominations may be made online or by paper forms.

Q. What kind of teachers should I nominate?

A. Current, full-time Cabot teachers who have demonstrated exceptional success in the following areas: (I) Impact on Students' Learning, (II) Instructional Practices, and (III) Professional Contributions.

Q. Am I able to nominate more than one teacher?

A. Yes, you may nominate more than one teacher for this award.

Q. Should I submit more than one nomination for any one individual?

A. No, you should not submit more than one nomination for the same individual.

Q. Who will see my nomination information?

A. "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart" team and Review Committee will have access to nomination information. It is possible that statements from nominations will be used anonymously for the promotion of the award program.

Award Selection Process

Q. What happens after a teacher is nominated?

A. All nominees will be notified via email about the honor of being nominated for "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award". After a review of nominations, nominees will be invited to complete an information application by early April.

Q. If I am invited to apply, what happens after I complete my application?

A. All complete applications will be reviewed and "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" finalists will be named. Three awardees will be announced and honored at a celebration in May.

Q. What does it mean to be one of the, "Cabot CTA Teachers with Heart Award" winner?

A. Three teachers will receive 250.00 awards and the honor of being chosen as the teacher of the year.

Q. Who is funding the Teachers with Heart Award?

A. Teachers with Heart Awards are made possible by generous support from the Cabot Teacher Association, and Centennial Bank.

Q. Who can I contact if I have any questions?

A. Cabot Classroom Teacher Association President, Vice President or Secretary. Pam Sowell, Brandy Gwatney, or McKala Barnett at: Pam.sowell@cps.k12.ar.us Brandy.gwatney@cps.k12.ar.us
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