

**Rotary**



*The Salem Rotary Club's  
Golden Apple Award*

*P.O. Box 1244  
Salem, OH 44460*

## INTROUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

Through the generosity of The Salem Rotary Club Foundation, the Golden Apple Award was established by the Salem Rotary Club to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in the Salem City School District. The Salem Rotary Club recognizes and deeply appreciates the unique charge these teachers have to the development of each student.

In light of the valuable contribution made by the Salem City School District teachers to society in general, The Salem Rotary Club welcomes this opportunity to express its appreciation through the Golden Apple Award program.

## THE AWARD PROCESS

### I. The Award

The Golden Apple Award will be given to an outstanding teacher. The award will consist of a cash award of \$500.00 to be used by the award winner to improve their classroom, to be presented at a ceremony during The Salem Rotary Club's change over banquet.

### II. Eligibility Requirements

The candidate must be a full time teacher and have completed a minimum of two full years as a teacher in the elementary or secondary school at which he/she is currently hired. These schools must be a part of the Salem City School District.

The candidate may be nominated by any non-relative. The candidate must have a valid license from the State of Ohio for the position he/she currently holds.

The Gold Apple Award may be received only once and the recipient must not be a member of The Salem Rotary Club.

### III. The Nominating Process

- A. Schools are strongly encouraged to participate annually in the Gold Apple Award program.
- B. Nominations for a teacher may be made by submitting the Nomination Form included in this document.
- C. All nominations will be mailed to The Salem Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1244, Salem, OH 44460.
- D. A nominating committee will be formed by The Salem Rotary Club.

E. The selection committee will take into consideration the following:

Nominator's letter of recommendation

Other letters of support

Verification of eligibility

Professional development

Commitment to students and school

Leadership qualities

Service to their community

Teaching skills, i.e. examples of significant and sustained positive impact

Creativity in the classroom

Role model as an educator

IV. The Award

A ceremony arranged by The Salem Rotary club will be held to present the award at the club's change over dinner in June.



## TEACHER NOMINATION FORM

In a letter of recommendation (not to exceed 500 words), explain why you feel this teacher deserves a Golden Apple Award. Please give specific examples of the individual's unique qualities as an educator and teaching ability. (Typed if possible. This may be typed on a separate sheet).

### OTHER SUPPORT

Letters of support may be attached to the application (maximum of three).

## TIMELINE

### January

Golden Apple Award process begins. Principals receive packet of materials with copies of Nomination Form for duplication as needed. Article in media informing parents, students, teachers and others that nominations are being accepted.

### January –April 15th

1. School bulletins announce the nomination process.
2. Selection Committee convenes.

### April 15th

1. All Golden Apple Award applications due.
2. Chairperson convenes the Selection Committee to discuss the process for judging. All committee members receive all applications for review.

### May 1st

The Selection Committee meets to discuss the final selections.

### May 15th

1. During the week of May 15th, the Golden Apple Award winner will be announced. Letters and certificates of appreciation will be sent to all other nominees.
2. The Salem Rotary Club will announce the winner in an article and all other media will receive a news release that includes the name of the winner.

### June 1st

1. Invitations to the dinner mailed approximately June 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The Golden Apple Award will be presented at The Salem Rotary Club's change over dinner.