

A2Y Chamber presents the 2023 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year Program recognizes the great contribution teachers make in Washtenaw County and to the learning community. This award recognizes and honors teacher excellence. It does not attempt to select the “best” teacher; rather, to identify, from among many outstanding teachers, one teacher to serve as a visible and vocal representative of what is best in the profession.

The LaFontaine Family wishes to honor the amazing teachers within Washtenaw County and recognize them for their hard work and efforts they put in every single school year.

The **2023 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Award** in Washtenaw County must meet the **nomination** criteria:

- Is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled educator in a Washtenaw County public school, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and alternative education
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Serves an active role in the community, as well as in the school district

The **2023 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Award** in Washtenaw County must meet the following **eligibility** criteria:

- Must be a certified teacher
- Spends a minimum of 50% of time teaching students
- Must be in good standing with their district
- Plans to continue in an active teaching status

Nomination Procedure:

Colleagues, administrators, board members, parents, students, education-related organizations, such as PTO's, and other community members may submit nominations for teachers who meet all the criteria listed above. Please submit applications at <https://forms.gle/5LYpiDuGARFZi4ge8>

Nominations must include a written recommendation describing:

- The nominator's professional relationship with the teacher; and
- How the teacher addresses each nomination criterion listed above.

The nomination must also include:

- Letters of recommendation (ie. students, parents and/or colleagues);
- Pictures or videos of events where the teacher had significant impact;
- Copies of publicity the teacher may have received;
- Additional supporting evidence the nominator feels supports the nomination.

The nomination deadline is Thursday, March 23, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.

CHECKLIST - 2023 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year (TOY) Nominations

	Purpose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paragraph Starters
Nominator Relationship	Describe nominator's relationship to teacher		As a nominator, my professional relationship with [teacher] is best described as...
Criteria Statements	Describe how the nominee meets each criterion		[Teacher] plans to continue in active teaching status because...
			[Teacher] inspires students of all backgrounds and learning abilities by...
			[Teacher] has the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues as evidenced by...
			[Teacher] is active in the community and in the school district as evidenced by...
	Purpose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submit with Nomination Form
Supporting Evidence	Provide REQUIRED evidence that clearly supports the Criteria Statements		Letters of Recommendation from students, parents and colleagues
			Pictures or videos of events where teacher had impact
			Copies of publicity teacher may have received
	Provide RECOMMENDED evidence		Other evidence that supports the nomination (ie newsletters, social media posts etc)