



Guidelines for Teaching Excellence Award Submission

The South Montgomery Community Schools Dollars for Scholars (SMDFS) organization is a program of scholarship America. The mission of the organization is rewarding educational excellence and innovative teaching in the South Montgomery Community School Corporation. The purpose of the organization is to serve the students and educators of the South Montgomery Community School Corporation by providing funds that promote educational advancement. As part of the mission, SMDFS offers awards that enable and honor exemplary, innovative teaching and learning, and strengthen the partnership among family, school, business, and community.

Hall of Fame: The South Montgomery Community Schools Dollars for Scholars Hall of Fame is the home of so many great contributors, teachers, administrators, leaders and successful graduates who have made true marks in the communities and organization they represent. The honorees will be celebrated on November 10, 2017 at the Crawfordsville Country Club. Nominations may be made using the attached Hall of Fame – Teacher of Excellence Nomination form.

Teaching Excellence Awards: Educator award(s) will be given yearly to a currently employed educator from the South Montgomery School Corporation to reward educational excellence and innovative teaching in the South Montgomery Community School Corporation. The award will be based on the submission of a teaching portfolio and demonstration of teaching excellence. The awardee(s) will be honored at the annual Dollars for Scholars Hall of Fame banquet at the Crawfordsville Country Club on November 10, 2017. Nominations may be made using the attached Hall of Fame – Teacher of Excellence Nomination form.

Hall of Fame – Teacher of Excellence Nomination Deadlines

Award nominations are due by **3:00 p.m.** on **Friday, Sept. 29, 2017**. You can mail to Eric W. Brewer, Walnut Elementary School, 3548 South 775 East, New Ross, IN 47968 or eric.brewer@southmont.k12.in.us.

For assistance with any aspect of the award nomination process please feel free to contact: Eric Brewer – 765-362-0542

Additional Teacher of Excellence Nomination Content

This award is presented annually to an educator selected by the South Montgomery Community Schools Dollars for Scholars Awards Committee as one whom meritorious service to education during the year deserves public recognition and support. A \$500.00 honorarium is awarded to the teacher for his/her excellence in teaching in the South Montgomery Community Schools Corporation.

We request additional be included in a nomination for Teacher of Excellence.

Teacher of Excellence Nomination Process: Evidence of teaching excellence should be provided where it exists: Each nomination portfolio should contain:

The nomination form (attached) and letter of support (completed by the nominator), which should be placed as the first item of the portfolio. The letter should be concise, substantive, and specific, demonstrating why the candidate being nominated makes a distinctive contribution to teaching.

At least three of the following:

A minimum of three letters of support from current and former students, faculty, and other colleagues. Letters could include evidence of the teacher's effectiveness by students, administrators, and peers. Examples include selected activities of student success, validation of learning, etc.

Evidence of leadership roles in teaching in the classroom, school, corporation, community, or state level.

Evidence of professional development activities related to teaching within their discipline (e.g. in-services within the corporation, region, state, or other activities)

Evidence of classroom planning, innovative teaching-learning activities, and other examples of teaching endeavors.

Evidence of successfully received grants related to teaching (optional).

SOUTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS HALL OF FAME – TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE

On Friday, November 10, 2017 we will be inducting recipients in the South Montgomery Community Schools Dollars for Scholars Hall of Fame. If you would like to nominate someone into the Hall of Fame, please complete the information below and mail to Eric W. Brewer, Walnut Elementary School, New Ross, IN 47968 or eric.brewer@southmont.k12.in.us.

Deadline for submission is Friday, September 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**SOUTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
HALL OF FAME – TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE
NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Name of nominee: _____

Affiliation with South Montgomery Community School Corporation:

Additional information about the nominee:

Name of person nominating:

Contact information:
