2023 Dawbarn Education Awards
Deadline: January 05 2023 at 11:59 PM EST (Midnight)

DESCRIPTION

In 1992, H. Dunlop “Buz” Dawbarn established a fund at the Community Foundation to improve education in his local community by providing cash awards to individuals who have most successfully inspired young people to set educational goals, encouraged them to reach their full potential, and fostered a lifelong appreciation of learning, in the public school systems of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County.

This year, ten remarkable individuals will be chosen to honor with the distinction of being named a Dawbarn Education Award recipient and receive a $10,000 cash award.

The Dawbarn Education Awards Committee selects those nominees who go above and beyond their formal job responsibilities to make a real and lasting impact on the life of a student.

Our Dawbarn Education Award recipients have included many teachers, but also guidance counselors, coaches, administrators, staff, custodians, volunteers, bus drivers, mentors, parents, and community leaders. Each recipient has made a real and lasting difference in the life of a student. They each achieve that objective in different ways. Our Award recipients don’t simply do their jobs very well, they go beyond what is expected of them. They enable students to see and reach their personal potential. They help them overcome personal obstacles. They inspire students to practice integrity and personal responsibility. They inspire others to do the same. And they do this not for honors or accolades, but to see each child have a real chance to succeed. Their extra effort, whether to help a struggling child gain the confidence to take one positive step at a time or to challenge a student to achieve far more than they could have ever imagined, affects our future for generations to come.

REQUIREMENTS

- Nominations may be submitted by any student, parent, supervisor, colleague, or other fellow resident of the community who knows the nominee’s contributions to the public school students of Staunton, Waynesboro and/or Augusta County.

- No less than 2 and no more than 4 recommendation letters are required. Include letters from those who have varying perspectives and experiences with the nominee.

- Not permitted: Self-nomination or nomination by a family member (spouse, children, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, or uncle.)

**Note: Individuals may be nominated and receive awards in consecutive years.
ABOUT THE DAWBARN EDUCATION AWARD NOMINEE

Nominee Contact Information

First Name *

Last Name *

Email (Personal or Primary Email) *

Cell Phone Number *

NOMINEE WORKPLACE INFORMATION

What is the nominee's CURRENT position, title, and/or formal role? *

Please list your nominee's formal job responsibilities in this role. *

How many years has your nominee been in their current role? (An estimate is acceptable.) *

Please enter your nominee's total years in education. (An estimate is acceptable.) *

Please select which school system your nominee serves. If applicable, you may select more than one.*

- August County
- Staunton
- Waynesboro

With which specific school (or schools) is your nominee affiliated? *

Please share with us what you may know of your nominee's career history and/or highlights, other service they have given to our community, accolades and honors, and anything else that may help us appreciate your nominee. *

If selected, we will need to contact your nominee and arrange for pictures, etc. Please tell us where we can find your nominee during a typical school day and how best to contact them.
THE VALUES OF A DAWBARN EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENT

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HOW has your nominee gone above and beyond their formal job responsibilities? Please share specific stories or compelling moments that illustrate the impact your nominee has had on the lives of students, the school, or the community. (Max Number of Words: 800)

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your nominee? (Max Number of Words: 500)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is your nominee aware that you are nominating them for a Dawbarn Education Award? (It is the Foundation’s preference that the nominations are submitted without the knowledge of the nominees.)
OYes  ONo

An individual may only be nominated once each year. On occasion, more than one nominator will begin the nomination process for the same individual. If we see that another nominator is initiating a form for the same person you are nominating, do you authorize the Community Foundation to share your email address with the other nominator so that you can collaborate? OYes  ONo
ABOUT YOU, THE NOMINATOR

First Name *

Last Name *

Your preferred Email Address *

Primary Phone Number *

Preferred Mailing Address *

City *

State *

Zip *

Relationship to Nominee *

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of Recommendation
Please arrange for 2-4 letters of recommendation to come from other individuals who can provide additional context or examples of how your nominee best reflects the Dawbarn Education Awards Values. Include letters from those who have varying perspectives and experiences with the nominee. For example, hearing from both a supervisor and a parent or student (if appropriate) gives our selection committee a deeper understanding of the nominee’s impact.

Please note that the individuals you select to compose letters of recommendation will receive an automated email that references your name - but not the name of your nominee. When you recruit those individuals, ask them to watch for an email from Miriam Burrows of the Community Foundation. That automated email will contain a link for them to use when they are ready to attach their letter to this nomination. You are responsible for the completion of this request.

Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Please contact us if you or the individuals composing letters of recommendation have any questions or concerns. You will receive a confirmation email when those individuals have completed their letters of recommendation. You will need to provide recommender’s name, email address, phone number, and their relationship to the nominee.