



ALPHA IOTA/PI LAMBDA THETA—EDNA MAE SOPER TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

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Pi Lambda Theta

Non-members are eligible

OVERVIEW — The *Alpha Iota/Pi Lambda Theta—Edna Mae Soper Teaching Excellence Award* is presented in recognition of outstanding classroom teaching in grades K-12. The award was established in 2006. It is sustained by a restricted fund established in the Pi Lambda Theta Educational Endowment pursuant to a contribution by the Alpha Iota chapter of Pi Lambda Theta to honor the memory of Edna Mae Soper, a classroom teacher.

AWARD — The award consists of a cash payment of five hundred dollars (\$500).

NOMINEE CRITERIA — To be eligible for consideration a nominee must be a teacher in grades K-12 and have at least five years of experience teaching a diverse socioeconomic population. A nominee need not be a member of Pi Lambda Theta. A nomination must include evidence of significant contributions to the profession within and beyond the classroom that demonstrate, for example:

- a) effective teaching
- b) inspiring leadership
- c) outreach
- d) creativity in planning active lessons suited to students' interests and abilities
- e) dedication to improving the quality of education
- f) enthusiasm for learning and for teaching
- g) standing as a role model, friend, and mentor to colleagues

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS — A nomination must be made by a member in good standing of Pi Lambda Theta Far West Region V (CA, HI, NV, Phillipines), or by a non-member with the endorsement of a member in good standing of that region. Self-nomination/endorsement is not permitted. The nomination must include:

1. a cover letter containing contact information for both the nominator and nominee
2. letter of support from a fellow teacher
3. letter of support from a school administrator
4. letter of support from a community or district leader

To the extent possible, letters of support should specifically address the nomination criteria. No additional copies of the above material are required for a complete nomination; however, Pi Lambda Theta reserves the right to require up to 10 copies of material that is not readily reproducible.

SELECTION — The recipient is selected by a special committee that includes the president of Pi Lambda Theta Far West Region V or an appointed representative, and for which membership preference is given to Alpha Iota members. The committee may, at its discretion, decide not to make the award.

SUBMISSION — Submit nominations directly to the Alpha Iota chapter. The address is available from the international office.

DEADLINE — Nominations must be received by April 1.

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