



THELMA JEAN BROWN CLASSROOM TEACHER AWARD

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Pi Lambda Theta

Non-members are eligible

OVERVIEW — The *Thelma Jean Brown Classroom Teacher Award* is presented in recognition of outstanding classroom teaching. The award is intended to honor a teacher for accomplishments while teaching at a school that is not exceptionally well-supported financially. The award was established in 1997 and is funded by Thelma Brown, a career classroom teacher and a life member of Pi Lambda Theta. Thelma Brown has served the association in many capacities at all levels, including two terms as international vice president from 1989 to 1993.

AWARD — The award consists of a cash payment of five hundred dollars (\$500) and a framed certificate. A complimentary one-year honorary membership is extended if a non-member recipient meets Pi Lambda Theta's membership requirements.

NOMINEE CRITERIA — A nomination must include evidence that the nominee:

1. is a teacher in grades K-12 in a public or parochial school
2. has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to teaching children the skills and attitudes that are important in life
3. has demonstrated exceptional ability to build supportive and effective relationships with students, the parents of students, other teachers

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS — A nomination must be made by a member in good standing or by a non-member with the endorsement of a member in good standing. Self-nomination/endorsement is not permitted. A complete nomination includes:

1. a Pi Lambda Theta universal application/nomination cover sheet
2. a résumé
3. a letter of support written by the nominating member
4. a letter of support from the principal of a school where the nominee teaches or has taught
5. letters of support, from each of two people who have taught as colleagues of the nominee
6. letters of support, from the parent(s) of each of two students taught by the nominee

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 or that is unusually long.

SELECTION — The recipient is selected by the awards committee. The committee may, at its discretion, decide not to make the award.

SUBMISSION — The complete nomination must be *received* in the Pi Lambda Theta international office by the deadline below. Send nominations to:

- (by Email): pamtodd@pilambda.org
- (by U.S. mail): PO Box 6626, Bloomington, IN 47407-6626
- (by UPS/FedEx): 4101 E Third St, Bloomington, IN 47401-5599

DEADLINE — Nominations must be received by February 10, (odd years).

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**Thelma Jean Brown Classroom Teacher Award
Past Recipients**

2009	Ngoc-Thuy Nguyen, Beta Zeta
2005	Denise Tiffany, Non-member
2003	Charlene Handzel, Gamma Gamma
2001	Debbie Coonrod, Greater Fort Worth
1999	<i>none</i>
1997	Priscilla Clark, Alpha Sigma