

Washington County Community Foundation, Inc.
Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award

The *Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award* was created by the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Community Foundation in 2008 to recognize a local public educator who has displayed the ability to inspire children from all backgrounds and abilities, who has earned the respect of colleagues, students and parents, and who is actively engaged in the community. The award is named in honor of Founding Trustee and Past Chairman of the Board, Dr. Howard Jack.

Dr. Howard Jack, himself a life-long learner, dedicated his adult life to the field of education and his community. He began his professional teaching career at East Washington High School in 1947. Over the years he served as principal at both Hampton High School and Thomas Jefferson High School. In 1965 he became superintendent at Peters Township High School, a position he held until his retirement in 1983.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Washington & Jefferson College, Dr. Jack served our country in the Army Air Force in World War II. He received both his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to being a Founding Trustee of the Washington County Community Foundation, Howard was also a Founding Director of the Economic Education Foundation. Other organizations in which Howard was actively involved include the United Way of Washington County, McMurray Rotary Club, Peters Township Chamber of Commerce, Peters Township Library, Washington City Mission, the Boy Scouts and the VITA program. He was also a member of the Chartiers Masonic Lodge and the Sons of the American Revolution. Howard was honored as the United Way "Clyde J. Tracanna Volunteer of the Year", Rotary "Paul Harris Fellow", and the Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year." He and his wife Mary Eleanor were faithful members of the Peters Creek Presbyterian Church.

Eligibility:

All primary and secondary public school educators serving students in Washington County are eligible. Educators shall include certified teachers, school administrators, and other educators who support public education in grades K-12. One award will be presented each year. Nominees not selected in one year may be resubmitted in another year.

Award:

In addition to an engraved crystal bowl, the award will include a grant to the educational program with which the recipient is associated. Presentation of the award will be at the WCCF Legacy Celebration. The amount of the grant shall be determined by the WCCF Board of Trustees, considering available financial resources.

Criteria for Teacher / Other Educator Nomination:

- has a positive relationship with students both in and out of the classroom
- is well-prepared for class and uses a wide variety of techniques to stimulate students to think, to respond, to feel, and to learn
- is able to teach all children, from motivated to at-risk students
- has earned the respect of other staff, and serves in a leadership or mentoring role for other teachers
- is actively involved in the community

Criteria for Administrator Nomination:

- has a positive relationship with all constituencies and is approachable by all
- commitment to young people and staff goes beyond the school day
- is a strong leader who is constantly looking at the effectiveness of his/her school or department
- possesses strong human relations and communications skills; is well-organized and possesses an ability to handle crisis in an expeditious manner
- is actively involved in the community.

Nomination / Selection Process:

On a continual basis, the WCCF will publicize the availability of the award through its publications and news releases. Applications, which are to be submitted on the attached form, will be accepted until January 31 of each year. Three letters of recommendation, one from a colleague, one from a student, and one from a parent, each attesting to the nominee's qualifications, are required. Nomination forms and letters of recommendation will be forwarded to the WCCF Marketing Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, in its sole discretion, shall have the final responsibility of selecting the annual recipient.

Return completed form, along with three letters of recommendation, to:

Washington County Community Foundation
Chapman Annex
331 South Main Street
Washington, PA 15301

*Applications will be accepted until January 31 of each year.
Questions should be directed to the WCCF at 724-222-6330 or marketing@wccf.net.*

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Teacher / Other Educator Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe in detail how the Nominee meets the following criteria:

Has a positive relationship with students both in and out of the classroom:

Is well-prepared for class and uses a wide variety of techniques to stimulate students to think, to respond, to feel, and to learn:

Is able to teach all children, from motivated to at-risk students:

Has earned the respect of other staff, and serves in a leadership or mentoring role for other teachers:

Is actively involved in the community:

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship of Nominator to Nominee: _____

Washington County Community Foundation, Inc.
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Administrator Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe in detail how the Nominee meets the following criteria:

Has a positive relationship with all constituencies and is approachable by all:

Commitment to young people and staff goes beyond the school day:

Is a strong leader who is constantly looking at the effectiveness of his/her school or department:

Possesses strong human relations and communications skills; is well-organized and possesses an ability to handle crisis in an expeditious manner:

Is actively involved in the community:

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship of Nominator to Nominee: _____