Information for
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
RETIRED FACULTY OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEACHER AWARD

BACKGROUND:
The Department of Curriculum and Instruction established this endowment initially in 1988. At the end of the 1987-1988 academic year, Drs. Wayne Cleveland, Jacqueline Hultquist, Fred Rietbrock, and Lowell Whiteside were retiring. Colleagues in the department, seeking to honor them and all retired or subsequently retiring professors and to recognize the immense contributions by Curriculum and Instruction faculty in general to the preparation of qualified teachers for the children in the region, state, and nation determined to establish an endowment. To that end, current faculty and retired faculty donated moneys. As other faculty retired in subsequent years, additional moneys were donated to enhance the endowment.

The endowment continues to have two purposes: 1) to recognize the immense contributions by Curriculum and Instruction faculty to the preparation of highly qualified teachers for the children in the region, state, and nation, and 2) to recognize an outstanding student teacher (early childhood, elementary, or middle school) for the fall semester and another for the spring semester.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:
The faculty and supervising teachers within the College of Education may nominate student teachers pursuing the following majors: early childhood education, elementary education, and/or middle school education.

Criteria for nomination include:

a. the student has proven to be an outstanding student teacher;

b. the student is pursuing a degree in early childhood, elementary and/or middle school education at the University of Central Missouri;

If there are no written nominations for outstanding student teachers in a particular area, the award will not be given that year. It is possible, in exceptional circumstances, for the outstanding student teacher award to be shared by more than one person. Recipients can be students who have graduated or will graduate during the current academic year.

SELECTION PROCESS:
The Curriculum and Instruction Retired Faculty Outstanding Student Teaching Award is given annually to a student teacher pursuing a major in early childhood, elementary and/or middle school education within the College of Education. The award recipients will be recommended by a committee designated by the Dean, College of Education and Instruction and approved by the UCM Scholarship and Awards Officer.

Student teachers will be nominated for this award by his/her University Supervisor and/or faculty members within the College of Education. Nominations will be accepted at anytime throughout the year. The designated selection committee will review nominations prior to the end of the spring semester of any given year. A student that completed his/her student teaching experience during the fall semester, although may have graduated in December, is still eligible to receive this award.

The Dean, College of Education, with the approval of the Executive Director of the Foundation, will annually establish the number and award amount, provided there are adequate funds available. In a given year, the Selection Committee may exercise the option of making no selection.

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