



# APPLE OF GOLD AWARDS NOMINATION

## I. EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Most Promising New Teacher (5 years or fewer) \_\_\_\_\_

California Community College Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

*Criteria: Exemplary teacher, mentor, role model, and inspiration to Hispanic youth. Teachers must have at least five years' teaching experience in Orange County and ten years in the profession; contributions to pedagogy, curriculum, peer leadership and evidence of impact on policy and practice.*

## II. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

K-12 \_\_\_\_\_ Postsecondary \_\_\_\_\_

*Criteria: Sustained position(s) of leadership (with 10 years in Orange County) with outstanding contributions to the advancement of educational opportunities for Hispanic youth in Orange County. Educational leaders are program directors, superintendents, principals, and policy advocates in community based organizations. Elected officials are not eligible.*

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: School (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator and Title \_\_\_\_\_

School/Institution Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **SUBMIT THIS FORM AND INCLUDE:**

1. *Formal letter of nomination on letterhead*
2. *Candidate's resume*
3. *Two letters of support from colleagues, containing details and specifics*
4. *Optional: Testimonials from peers, parents and students, strengthening candidate's file*

### **MAIL BY APRIL 15 TO:**

HEEF Apple of Gold Nominations  
Orange County Community Foundation  
4041 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 510, Newport Beach, CA 92660

*Presentations to be made at HEEF Annual Awards Dinner*

The Orange County  
**Hispanic Education Endowment Fund**

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## Apple of Gold Awards Selection Criteria

## NOMINATION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 TO APRIL 15

*Submissions should include:*

- *Three documents minimum per candidate's file: a letter of nomination, two letters of support from supervisors or peers*
- *Nominee's current resume, including position/title/role, school, district, city*
- *Documentation of contributions to curriculum, policies and procedures, leadership may be included. School and local newspaper clippings on the candidate may be included*
- *Additional support letters from students and parents welcome.*

### EXCELLENCE IN K-12 TEACHING

The nomination may be made by the candidate's principal or district superintendent or peers in educational leadership positions; letters of support should come from colleagues and other professional peers, parents and students. Nomination and support letters are followed up with a phone call to confirm the candidate's overall level of distinction. Other criteria in the selection process:

***Time in Grade:*** Teachers who have taught in K-12 or community college for 10 years or more are given first consideration. It is acknowledged among educators that it takes time to establish a record that meets the award criteria for "exemplary teacher, peer mentor, role model." The new "Most Promising Teacher" category recognizes young teachers who are pursuing the California teaching credential or have recently obtained their credential and show great promise.

***Contributions to pedagogy, curriculum design and peer leadership:*** Candidates must show evidence of professional contributions to school curriculum development, innovative teaching strategies, mentor teacher status, and student performance as well as intellectual drive for personal advancement/professional development. Also considered is the pursuit of on-going education (e.g., an advanced degree or certificate), and other opportunities taken to advance learning.

***Overall impression:*** as outstanding teachers and role models for Hispanics, the nominee must show evidence of demonstrated achievements/endeavors to introduce aspirations for higher education to students. Additional areas: academic counseling, mentorship activities, sponsorship of student organizations, role in programs or events that enhance the educational experience and motivate students to continue beyond high school—impact as motivator for college preparation.

***O.C. Geographic Representation:*** Goal to represent all areas of Orange County.

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