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The Henry Ford Innovation Nation 2022 Teacher Innovator Awards

Recognizing America's Most Innovative Teachers

Are you an educator who personifies the Habits of an Innovator and the Actions of Innovation in your classroom? We want to know! Apply for the annual Teacher Innovator Awards for the chance to win an immersive professional development experience at The Henry Ford. We're looking for teachers who inspire their students to challenge the rules and take risks, demonstrate how to be collaborative and empathetic, and teach the value of staying curious and learning from failure.

For more details and to apply, please visit www.thf.org/teacherinnovator

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Timeline

- Application open: **January 3, 2022**
- Application deadline: **March 7, 2022**
- Judging: **March-May 27, 2022**
- Winners Announced: **Week of June 6, 2022**
- Workshop for Grand Prize Winners: **July 25-29, 2022**

Submission Criteria

- **Application form** completed and submitted online.
- **Biography:** Tell us about your educational career and achievements (maximum 2000 characters).
- **Video:** In 5 minutes or less, explain what innovation means to you, how and why you have innovated in the classroom, what challenges you faced, and how your students have reacted.
- **Curriculum/Lesson Plan:** A sample of your curriculum that is an example of your innovation in the classroom. The lesson plan must be of your own

creation and not a lesson plan created by a school, organization, or other educator. The lesson plan should also be aligned to state and national standards where appropriate (5 page maximum).

- **Supporting Materials:** You may include up to five (5) documents, links, pictures, and/or videos related to your innovative teaching practices and impact. Examples include grant award letters, professional development certifications, previous honors, photos, videos, PowerPoints, news articles, and letters of recommendation. Each file or link counts towards the 5 material limit. For example, you could submit 1 webpage link (not to a filesharing site that contains multiple files), 1 PDF, 1 video, and 2 photos.
- **Bonus Points:** Upload evidence of student learning in the form of a video of your students explaining how they've benefitted from innovations you've brought to the classroom. Please limit video length to three (3) minutes or less.
- Please note that supported file formats include jpg, png, pdf, mp4. Links to video sharing sites such as YouTube are also permitted. Zipped files are not permitted.

Judging Criteria

1. **Biography (25 points):** Does the candidate tell you about themselves, their career in education, and what subjects they teach? Supporting materials may include but are not limited to grant letters, news articles, bulletin board examples relating to innovation, community outreach, school newsletters, letters of recommendation, professional development relating to innovation and previous awards and honors for teaching about or using innovation.
2. **Video (50 points):** Did the candidate clearly explain what innovation means to them do they tell you how they have innovated in their classroom? Do they explain what problem they were trying to solve, what challenges they faced, and how their students reacted? Is the video five (5) minutes or less? Supporting materials may include but are not limited to letters of recommendation, video testimonials from peers, and videos of classroom methods demonstrating the educator's innovative methods.
3. **Curriculum/Lesson Plan (25 points):** Does the submitted curriculum or lesson plan integrate innovation concepts? Is the lesson plan original and created by the educator (not a lesson plan created by a school, organization, or other educator)? Does the lesson plan align to state and national standards where appropriate? Maximum five (5) pages.

4. **Bonus Points (10 Points):** Did the candidate provide a short video that gives examples of student learning? Do the students explain how they have benefited from the teacher's methods of teaching? Evidence must be in a video format no more than three (3) minutes long.

Judging Process

Entries will be judged in two rounds, with the possibility of a third round in the event of a tie.

1. **Initial Judging:** All submissions will be judged by at least two (2) qualified staff members of The Henry Ford who are determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. The entrants with the twenty five (25) highest submission scores will be deemed Finalists.
2. **Finalist Judging:** The twenty-five (25) Finalists' submissions will be judged by at least two (2) staff members of The Henry Ford and/or stakeholders who are determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. The Finalists with the ten (10) highest submissions scores will be deemed the potential Grand Prize winners; the Finalists with the next ten (10) highest scoring submissions will be deemed the potential First Prize winners.
3. **Tie-Breaking Judging:** In the event of a tie, the Submissions will be re-judged by at least two (2) staff members of The Henry Ford who have not previously participated in Teacher Innovator Awards judging who are determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion.

Prizes

Grand Prize: There will be a total of ten (10) Grand Prize winners. The ten (10) entries receiving the highest scores out of all submissions will receive a five-day Innovation Immersion Experience at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, in August 2022. The prize includes round-trip airfare, lodging, select meals, special educational tours, workshops, and recognition events for the winners only. Some meals and incidental expenses must be covered by the entrant. Winners will also receive a \$1,500 gift card, classroom resources, and a 1-year premium membership to The Henry Ford's inHub. Approximate retail value of one grand prize is \$3,500.

First Place: There will be a total of ten (10) first place winners, each of whom will receive an *Innovation Nation* Season 1 or 2 DVD, select Innovation Nation and The Henry Ford merchandise, and mementos. Winners will also receive classroom resources and professional development through a 1-year premium membership to The Henry Ford's inHub. The approximate retail value of one first-place prize is \$200.