



ANNOUNCING

Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent of the Year Awards

The Teacher and Superintendent of the Year Awards make up a program sponsored by the Original Free Will Baptist Christian Education Ministry. The awards are funded by Dr. Thomas R. Morris of Wilmington, North Carolina. The purpose of the Awards Program is to advance, promote and improve the effectiveness of the Sunday school. By recognizing the most effective Sunday school teacher and superintendent, the funds from the awards would be used to do something extra for Sunday school that would not ordinarily be available. Each award carries with it a monetary gift and plaque. The recipients' names will be added to larger plaques that hang in the Mary Dudley Resource Library at the OFWB Headquarters. The awards will be granted at the annual LIFE Conference in March each year. The selection of the Teacher of the Year and Superintendent of the Year will be determined by an anonymous committee comprised of pastors, teachers, superintendents and/or parents of Sunday school students. When the committee receives the nominations all references that would identify the nominee are blacked out. The decision of who receives the awards are based strictly on their qualifications. There are three suggested categories for the use of the funds by the recipients. They are as follows:

- **Provide overall learning resources for the Sunday school officers and teachers** (establish a library, maps for the classrooms, supplemental teaching aids, study aids for the teachers, AV equipment and other materials that would be necessary to carry on an effective program)
- **Provide individual learning experiences for the recipient** (funds to attend workshops, conferences, seminars that would help that recipient to do a better job)
- **Provide group learning experiences for Sunday school as a whole or a particular class** (retreats, local training programs)

The nominations can be submitted by anyone in the church. However, each nomination must be accompanied by **two** letters of recommendation, one from the pastor and one from someone in Sunday school leadership or governance. These letters of recommendation should be placed in a sealed envelope with the writer's name written across the seal, since they are considered to be confidential.

Nomination forms can be obtained by requesting them from Gail Heath at the Christian Education Ministry office or by getting them from the pastor or Sunday School superintendent of the local church as each will receive a packet in January which will have this information included. It is suggested that the pastor or superintendent be responsible for returning all the forms including the nomination forms and letters of recommendation. You may also download extra forms from our website.: ofwbsundayschool.org.

All forms MUST be postmarked by January 31 and sent to the Christian Education Ministry office at the Headquarters.

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Who can be nominated? Any active Sunday school teachers or superintendent. There are no limits the number of nominations from any church, but you must remember that the nominations must have 2 letters of recommendation.

All nominees will be notified by the director and should be present at the annual LIFE Conference in March or have someone to represent them. All nominees and their respective churches will be recognized with a certificate and the winners will be announced during a special recognition period.

If you have any questions or desire further information, write or call the Christian Education office at the Headquarters.

Superintendent of the Year Award
Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Ministry

Name of the Nominee: _____ SS # _____
Please print.

Address of the Nominee: _____
PO Box, Street / Road, Apt.

City State Zip

Phone Number: _____

Church: _____ Conference: _____

Number of Classes in the Sunday School: _____

Person Submitting the Nomination: _____ Position: _____

General Information

1. Is the nominee a Christian? Yes _____ No _____
2. How long has the nominee held this particular position and what are some other roles he/she has held in the Sunday School?

In response to statements 1-23, please give specific examples of the nominee's involvement

3. The nominee is an active supporter and is faithful in attendance to the services of the local church.
4. The nominee is committed to the study of the Bible and demonstrates evidence of such in the performance of his/her duties.
5. The nominee is an active believer in the Original Free Will Baptist doctrine and all its ministries.
6. The nominee has a sense of calling and is committed to the task of leading the Sunday School.
7. The nominee practices stewardship by being responsible in the use of time, talents and money.
8. The nominee adheres to the concept of Christian service to do justly by all people and thereby exhibits the characteristics of a true witness for Jesus Christ:
9. The nominee understands and presents the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ to people whenever called upon to do so.

- 10. The nominee is focused on learning for everyone regardless of ability or disability.
- 11. The nominee is respected and involved in the community.
- 12. The nominee promotes February as Sunday School month in and out of the church.
- 13. The nominee demonstrates a commitment to promoting the Word of God and is dedicated to prayer?
- 14. The nominee comes to Sunday school on time and is prepared to fulfill the duties of superintendent.
 _____ All the time _____ Sometime _____ Rarely
- 15. The nominee leads in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of various programs and activities to grow the Sunday School through outreach and evangelism.
- 16. The nominee makes himself / herself accessible to the teaching staff for problem solving.
- 17. The nominee organizes and promotes regular faculty meetings of the teaching staff and encourages morale among the workers.
- 18. The nominee maintains an accurate inventory of current materials and curriculum materials.
- 19. The nominee assists in recruitment of new staff members.
- 20. Check the characteristics that best describe the nominee. (Check all that apply.)

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| dependable _____ | listener _____ | friendly _____ | enthusiastic _____ |
| trustworthy _____ | disciplined _____ | motivator _____ | honest _____ |
| positive minded _____ | faithful _____ | nurturer _____ | open to new ideas _____ |
| leader _____ | willingness to grow _____ | invites non-attendees to Sunday School _____ | |
| hard worker _____ | willing to take a risk _____ | possesses personal integrity _____ | |
| learner _____ | open to change _____ | role model _____ | generous _____ |

- 21. Check the activities in which the nominee is involved to become a better superintendent.
 Participates in training programs which are:
 Local church sponsored _____ Denominationally sponsored _____
 Annual LIFE Conference _____ Enrolled in college courses _____
 Is a member of the Sunday School Governance Structure _____

Any other considerations should be included in one of the letters of recommendation.

Teacher of the Year Award
Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Ministry

Name of the Nominee: _____ SS # _____

Please print.

Address of the Nominee: _____

PO Box, Street / Road, Apt.

City

State

Zip

Phone Number: _____

Church: _____ Conference: _____

Age / Class the Nominee Teaches: _____

Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

Position in the Church: _____

General Information

1. Is the nominee a Christian? Yes _____ No _____
2. How long has the nominee held this particular position and what are some of the other roles he/she has held in the Sunday School?

In response to statements 1-14, please give specific examples of the nominee's involvement.

3. The nominee is an active supporter and is faithful in attendance to the services of the local church.
4. The nominee is committed to the study of the Bible and demonstrates evidence of study in teaching.
5. The nominee is an active believer in the Original Free Will Baptist doctrine and all its ministries.
6. The nominee has a sense of calling and is committed to the task of teaching.
7. The nominee practices stewardship by being responsible in the use of time, talents and money.
8. The nominee adheres to the concept of Christian service to do justly by all people and thereby exhibits the characteristics of a true witness for Jesus Christ:
9. The nominee understands and presents the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ to students and demonstrates knowledge of moving a person from initial faith to a mature faith.

10. The nominee is committed to prayer.
11. The nominee is focused on learning for everyone regardless of ability or disability:
12. The nominee is respected and involved in the community.
13. The nominee promotes February as Sunday School month in and out of the class.
14. The nominee demonstrates knowledge of the developmental characteristics and the needs of the age level being taught.
15. The nominee comes to Sunday School on time and is prepared to teach.

_____ All the time _____ Sometime _____ Not at all

16. Check the characteristics that best describe the nominee. (Check all that apply.)

_____ dependable	_____ listener	_____ friendly
_____ enthusiastic	_____ trustworthy	_____ disciplined
_____ motivator	_____ honest	_____ positive minded
_____ faithful	_____ possesses personal integrity	_____ invites people to Sunday school
_____ nurturer	_____ open to new ideas	
_____ leader	_____ willingness to grow	
_____ hard worker	_____ willing to take a risk	
_____ learner	_____ open to change	
_____ generous	_____ role model	

17. List the methods, activities and teaching aids used by the nominee in the performance of his / her teaching duties. (Examples would be lecture, discussions, drama, Bible, commentaries, projectors, pictures, study maps, etc.)

18. Check the activities in which the nominee is involved to become a better teacher.

- Participates in training programs:
 - Local church sponsored _____
 - Denominationally sponsored _____
 - Annual LIFE Conference at the University of Mount Olive _____
 - Enrolled in college courses _____
- Attends regular meetings of the local Sunday School faculty _____

(It is recommended that any other considerations be included in one of the letters of recommendation.)