



# 2017 ACORN AWARD

## "Outstanding Faculty of Kentucky"

The Acorn Award, first given in 1992, is presented to outstanding faculty members at Kentucky's colleges and universities. The award, which recognizes and rewards exceptional teaching, is presented at the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship. In order to be eligible for the award, the nominee must be teaching full-time during the 2016-17 academic year at the nominating four-year or two-year institution. He or she must also be able to attend the awards ceremony, where a \$5,000 honorarium and a Kentucky Proud crafted plaque will be presented.

Two awards will be presented in 2017: (1) One to a faculty member from a four-year public institution; and (2) One to a faculty member from a two-year public institution.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

The president of each Kentucky public 4-year and 2-year college or university may nominate up to three faculty members from their institution. Nominations may be mailed or emailed, but must arrive by July 15 with of the following completed documents:

- Nomination form and requested supporting documents.
- Three letters of recommendation written within the last three years from any of the following: colleagues, students, parents, or community leaders. Letters should not exceed one page.
- Cover page from the President's office.

All submitted materials are subject to verification. Do not include audio or video materials. Faculty nominated in previous years may be nominated again. Nomination materials will not be returned.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

A committee of citizen and CPE members will review the nomination packets and make the selections. All decisions are at the sole discretion of the selection committee and are final. Decisions are made without regard to age, sex, race, religion, color, or national origin.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nomination packets must be submitted by the nominating president's office either by mail or email no later than July 15, 2017.

EMAIL to: heather.faesy@ky.gov

MAIL to: Heather Faesy, Council on Postsecondary Education, 1024 Capital Center Drive, STE 320, Frankfort, KY 40601.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

1. Teaching as a profession: In 1-2 pages, briefly explain your reasons for selecting college teaching as a profession. What motivates you to teach? What is the most important thing you do for your students? How do you address student needs and individual learning styles? What has been the most rewarding part of your teaching experience?
2. Teaching philosophy: In 1-2 pages, briefly explain your philosophy of teaching. How do your strengths and weaknesses impact your teaching effectiveness? How should a college teacher's effectiveness be measured? What would you do to improve the teaching profession to meet challenges facing postsecondary education today and in the future?
3. Professional achievement: In 1 page or less, briefly list teaching awards, workshops, courses, seminars, practicums, staff exchanges, publications, organizational memberships/offices, and individual achievements that are representative of your commitment to lifelong learning.

### NOMINATING INSTITUTION

#### NOMINEE

FIRST M.I. LAST

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

#### PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

INSTITUTION AND CITY/STATE

DEGREE GRADUATION YEAR

INSTITUTION AND CITY/STATE

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

YEARS IN CURRENT POSITION	TOTAL YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE
LIST THE COURSES TAUGHT IN THE 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR	

LIST OTHER SUBJECTS TAUGHT DURING ENTIRE TEACHING EXPERIENCE