

##### Talent Pool Recommendation Form

Recommendations Due: **Wednesday, May 3, 2017, by 11:59 pm**

# Introduction

We invite you to recommend distinguished classroom teachers and/or principals who have demonstrated all of the following:

* Exceptional educational talent, as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school;
* Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession;
* Individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded, yet worthy of the spotlight;
* Early- to mid-career educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and
* Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.

**Note:** We are especially looking to expand the pool of **early- to mid- career secondary teachers**.

# Submission Process

Please complete a separate recommendation packet (information page and narrative responses, see forms on pages 2-3) for each individual, including a one-page letter explaining how this person meets the specified criteria, as well as the person’s résumé. An electronic copy of the recommendation packet will be due Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 11:59 pm.

Incomplete recommendations will not be included for review.

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| **Submit completed recommendation forms, one-page recommendation letter, and résumé to:** **CompetitiveGrants@cde.state.co.us****By: Wednesday, May 3, 2017, by 11:59 pm**This is a confidential process. Individuals should not be aware of this recommendation. |

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| **Recommendation Information** |
| **Name of Recommended Educator:** |  |
| [ ]  Classroom Teacher [ ]  Principal [ ]  Other (specify): |  |
| **For teachers, grade(s) currently teaching:** |  | **For principals, grade levels in building:** |  |
| **Area(s) of Expertise (check all that apply):** |
| [ ]  Reading/English/Language Arts [ ]  Science [ ]  Mathematics [ ]  Social Studies [ ]  Fine Arts |
| [ ]  Foreign Language (please specify): |  | [ ]  Other (please specify): |  |
| **Indicate Ethnicity of Educator being recommended:** |
| [ ]  White [ ]  Black or African American [ ]  Asian [ ]  Hispanic or Latino[ ]  Native American Indian or Alaskan Native [ ]  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| [ ]  Other (please specify): |  |
| **Total years in education:** |  | **If a principal, number of years as an administrator:** |  |
| **Will this person be at the same school site next year?** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **School and District Information** |
| **District Name:** |  | **District Code:** |  |
| **School Name:** |  | **School Code:** |  |
| **School Address:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Supervisor Information** |
| **Name:** |  | **Title:** |  |
| **E-mail:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Education Information** |
| **School** | **Degree** | **Year of Graduation** |
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| **References Information**Please list the names and phone numbers of three references other than you for the educator.We will call and interview them. They should know the educator currently and very well. |
| **Name** | **Title** | **Phone (Work)** | **Phone (Personal)** | **E-mail** |
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| **Submitter Information** |
| **Your Name** | **Title** | **Phone (Work)** | **Phone (Personal)** | **E-mail** |
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# Narrative Responses

Rate educator from 1-10 (10 being highest) on the following four criteria and provide a paragraph for each rating (max 500 words for each response) to explain your rating. Be detailed and thorough, and use examples whenever possible.

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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school.**
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession.** Include committees, mentoring, awards, publications, presentations.
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership** (i.e., predict the educator’s potential to remain in education for at least 20-25 more years and demonstrate leadership in the profession).
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.** Do students perform at higher levels due to the educator, pursue certain careers, credit their success to the educator, etc.?
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Provide additional supporting evidence for your recommendation (max 500 words for each response). Be detailed and thorough, and use examples whenever possible.

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| **Cite evidence of student achievement gains as a result of the educator’s practices:** |
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| **Cite awards the educator has received:** |
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| **Other comments:**  |
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# Submission Checklist

Please use only as a reference, do not include with the recommendation.

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| **Does the recommendation packet include:** |
| 1. All parts of the recommendation packet included in a single PDF file?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Three references for the educator, other than yours, that we can call and interview?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. A one-page letter demonstrating how the educator meets the specified criteria?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Did you provide a résumé?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Have you rated and/or thoroughly answered all questions?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Is the font easy to read (Calibri or Arial preferred) and no smaller than 11 point?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

**In order to provide all recommendations with an equal opportunity, only responses that fit within the 500 word maximum will be accepted for review.**

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