

Turnaround Management Association Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Awards

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Awards Program was announced at TMA's 2003 Annual Convention, and the first-ever recipients were recognized in 2004. The program is funded by a five-year grant from the John William Butler Foundation, Inc. and is named in honor of Leslie Bender Butler and Cindy Butler Cooley, who have collectively spent more than half a century as active teachers, shaping and influencing the lives of children in their communities.

The program seeks to honor education professionals who have changed the outcome of students' lives and the communities in which they live. Not less than three and not more than five teachers will be honored each year at the TMA Annual Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominees must:

- Be a currently licensed, active primary or secondary school teacher
- Be teaching at an accredited public or private educational institution
- Have at least five years of teaching experience
- Have spent the equivalent of twenty hours per week (based on at least a nine-month academic calendar year) for at least five of the prior seven years actively engaged in teaching

CASH STIPEND

\$5,000 (USD), plus travel expenses, for each recipient

The cash stipend will be awarded to the individual teachers. Travel expenses include transportation to and lodging at the TMA Annual Convention.

CRITERIA

- Exceptional dedication and skill in shaping and influencing children's lives through excellence in educational effort
- Demonstrated capability of effecting change in the outcome of a child's or group of children's educational performance
- Innovation in teaching methods resulting in solutions to challenging situations
- Inspiration and encouragement of students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Respected as a positive role model and professional by other teachers, colleagues, parents and students
- Selfless devotion and tireless efforts to improve the educational environment and quality of life in the school and community