A2Y Chamber presents the
2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year Program recognizes the great contribution teachers make in Washtenaw County and to the learning community. This award recognizes and honors teacher excellence. It does not attempt to select the "best" teacher; rather, to identify, from among many outstanding teachers, one teacher to serve as a visible and vocal representative of what is best in the profession.

The LaFontaine Family wishes to honor the amazing teachers within Washtenaw County and recognize them for their hard work and efforts they put in every single school year.

The **2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Award** in Washtenaw County must meet the **nomination** criteria:

- Is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled educator in a Washtenaw County public school, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and alternative education
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Serves an active role in the community, as well as in the school district

The **2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Award** in Washtenaw County must meet the following **eligibility** criteria:

- Must be a certified teacher
- Spends a minimum of 50% of her/his time teaching students
- Must be in good standing with her/his district
- Plans to continue in an active teaching status

Nomination Procedure:

Colleagues, administrators, board members, parents, students, education-related organizations, such as PTO's, and other community members may submit nominations for teachers who meet all the criteria listed above. *The Nomination form and a helpful checklist can be found at* **a2ychamber.org.**

Nominations must include a written recommendation describing:

- The nominator's professional relationship with the teacher; and
- How the teacher addresses each nomination criterion listed above.

The nomination must also include:

- Letters of recommendation (ie. students, parents and/or colleagues);
- Pictures or videos of events where the teacher had significant impact;
- Copies of publicity the teacher may have received;
- Additional supporting evidence the nominator feels supports the nomination.

The nomination deadline is Thursday, February 20, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Teacher's Name: _____

Email Address: _____**Phone #:** _____

School District: _____

School Building Name: _____

Major Subject Area(s) (if any) _____ **Grade Level(s):** _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience: _____ **Years in Present Position:** _____

Teacher Certification Number: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

How did you hear about the E3 Awards? (Circle) Mail A2YChamber Website Newsletter Word of Mouth Email Other: _____

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School Principal

I hereby acknowledge that this applicant, with my approval, is submitting a 2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Application.

Mandatory Criteria includes: ☐Must be a certified teacher ☐ Spends a minimum of 50% of their time teaching students ☐ Must be in good standing with their district

Principal Name: _____

Signature: _____**Date:** _____

School Name: _____ **District:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please return this nomination form, your recommendation, a program photo/video, any other supporting materials to Barbara Davenport by Thursday, February 20, 2020, by 4:30 p.m.:
Email at Barbara@a2ychamber.org; Fax to (734) 665-4191; Mail to 2010 Hogback, Suite 4, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; or call (734) 214-0104 to make other arrangements.

The first-place winner, Teacher of the Year will receive a 2-year lease or a $5,000 cash award; the second-place winner (Distinguished Teacher) will receive a $1,000* cash award, and the third-place winner (Commendable Teacher) a $500* cash award; curtesy of LaFontaine Automotive.

* Awards for second and third place will be made payable to the school/district where the nominated educator is teaching during the 2019-20 school year. Award funds must be used for educational purposes or project supplies within the classroom.

CHECKLIST - 2020 LaFontaine Teacher of the Year (TOY) Nominations

	Purpose	✓	Paragraph Starters
Nominator Relationship	Describe nominator's relationship to teacher		As a nominator, my professional relationship with [teacher] is best described as…
Criteria Statements	Describe how the nominee meets each criterion		[Teacher] plans to continue in active teaching status because…
			[Teacher] inspires students of all backgrounds and learning abilities by…
			[Teacher] has the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues as evidenced by…
			[Teacher] is active in the community and in the school district as evidenced by…
	Purpose	✓	**Submit with Nomination Form**
Supporting Evidence	Provide **REQUIRED** evidence that clearly supports the Criteria Statements		Letters of Recommendation from students, parents and colleagues
			Pictures or videos of events where teacher had impact
			Copies of publicity teacher may have received
	Provide **RECOMMENDED** evidence		Other evidence that supports the nomination (ie newsletters, social media posts etc)