

28th Annual *Teachers Who Inspire Awards*

[Deadline for nominations: Friday, March 13, 5 p.m.](#)

2019 Award Winners:



Erem Birkan
Academy at
Larragoite



Juliette Chavez
Nina Otero



Denise Hinson
NMSA



Donna Scheer
SFHS



Vicki Scanlon
Nava



Robin Wiener
El Dorado

**Partners in Education is now accepting nominations for
seven Teachers Who Inspire Awards:**

*** Seven \$1,500 awards, including one award for a
teacher with less than three years' experience**

Guidelines

Letters of nomination are accepted from Santa Fe public school teachers and principals only. The nominee must be a full-time, certified teacher in Santa Fe's public schools with plans to continue teaching in Santa Fe for at least one more year. You may not nominate a relative or significant other.

To nominate any teacher, provide the following information in the order presented in a maximum of two pages. Use specific details and anecdotes. Don't tell anyone about your nomination -- it's a surprise!

1. Nominee's name, school, grade and/or subject taught
2. Nominator's name and school
3. Nominee's background -- Include the total number of years teaching, in Santa Fe and elsewhere; subjects and grade levels taught.
4. In what ways does this teacher inspire kids to make them want to come to class and learn? How has this teacher helped his or her students make academic progress? Include anecdotes that support this.
5. How does this teacher help and inspire other teachers (and the school and the school district)?
6. In what ways does this teacher work with parents and the community at large?

DEADLINE: Applications must be received (not postmarked) by Friday, March 13, 5 p.m.

Mail to:	-or-	Send through school mail to:	-or-	Email:
Partners in Education Foundation		Partners in Education Foundation		info@sfpartersineducation.org
PO Box 23374; Santa Fe, NM 87502		BF Young Rm. 109		

Or, Hand Deliver to Partners in Education Foundation, BF Young Building, 1300 Camino Sierra Vista, Rm. 109

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TEACHERS WHO INSPIRE Nomination Writing Hints

In a nutshell: BE SPECIFIC!

Following are examples of helpful and unhelpful responses.

Question #4 asks:

“In what ways does this teacher inspire kids to make them want to come to class and learn?”

Helpful specific support:

This teacher and her students produced a book on the human body showing how the various parts react.

This teacher organized a Medieval Fair. Students researched the society, significant people and explained coats of arms.

Unhelpful general support with no evidence:

This teacher brings out the best in his students.

This teacher tries to make the curriculum relevant.

Question #5 asks:

“How does this teacher help and inspire other teachers?”

Helpful specific support:

This teacher helped to develop a school-wide discipline plan.

This teacher created a school-wide enrichment day.

This teacher helped to create and maintain a landscaping project on school grounds.

Unhelpful general support with no evidence:

Teachers respect her, and she respects them.

She has great ideas to share with others.

He's always willing to help.

Question #6 asks:

“In what ways does this teacher work with parents and the community at large?”

Helpful specific support:

This teacher worked with the City of Santa Fe to create a city-wide tree planting project.

This teacher and the Student Council sponsored a food drive.

Unhelpful general support with no evidence:

This teacher gives of herself to the community at large.

This teacher finds creative ways to be of service to the community.