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### Award Overview & Eligibility

The Foundation for Excellence in Public Education awards overview and eligibility information is listed below. The criteria, award qualifications, and term appear in the order below:

- Excellence in Teaching Awards: Friends of Eve Carson & Newland Family Foundation
- Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award
- Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award
- Bertis Downs District Services Award (2)
- Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award
- Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies
- Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts
- Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education
- Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts
- Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel
- Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers
- Michael Horvat Secondary Coaches Award

### Excellence in Teaching Award

The ***Excellence in Teaching Awards*** recognize superior classroom teachers, and are awarded for a two-year term for \$500 each year. These awards are named in honor of the following: the Friends of Eve Carson, Joan D. Humphries, the Newland Family Foundation, and the Ken Sherman Double Century. Read more about these honorees and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website

**Qualifications:** These awards recognize superior classroom teachers who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received an *Excellence in Teaching Award*

**Term:** This award is presented to two teachers per year, for two years each, at a level of \$500 per year. In odd-numbered years, the *Joan D. Humphries* and the *Ken Sherman Double Century* Excellence in Teaching Awards are presented; in even-numbered years, the *Friends of Eve Carson* and the *Newland Family Foundation* Excellence in Teaching Awards are presented.

### Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award

The ***Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award*** is presented each year to an outstanding teacher who goes beyond his or her classroom teaching role to encourage, motivate and mentor students to reach their full potential. This is an annual \$500 award to a teacher with at least five years of experience in any



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grade or subject. Read more about Dr. Allen and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award*

**Term:** This award is presented to one teacher per year, at a level of \$500.

### Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award

The ***Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award*** is presented each year to a Clarke County School District employee who puts the well-being of the school district and its students above the advancement of self. Read more about Mr. Stroud and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible employees are those who:

- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a non-certificated employee on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award*

**Term:** This award is presented to one recipient per year, at a level of \$500.

### Bertis Downs District Services Award

The ***Bertis Downs District Services Award*** is presented each year to two (2) Clarke County School District employees who serve in one of the following departments: Plant Services, Custodial Operations, School Nutrition, Transportation, or Security. The nominee should be an individual who cheerfully connects with students and staff on a daily basis and demonstrates a desire to serve well in an assigned support role. Read more about Mr. Downs and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible employees are those who:

- Are employed by the Clarke County School District as a non-certificated employee on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Serve in the plant services, custodial operations, school nutrition, transportation, or security departments of the district services umbrella
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Bertis Downs District Services Award*

**Term:** This award is presented to two recipients per year, at a level of \$500.



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### **Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award**

The ***Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award*** is presented each year to an outstanding teacher with no more than four years of experience. The award is designed to recognize early-career teachers at any grade level who spark enthusiasm for learning and achievement in students; who continually seek to improve content knowledge and practice and willingly share methods and materials with others; who effectively communicate and collaborate with others and apply problem-solving strategies to enhance teaching, learning, and the school community; and who possess a clear sense of vision, purpose, and integrity that inspires and motivates others. Read more about Mrs. Thomas and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Have no more than four years of teaching experience (including the year in which nomination takes place)
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award*

**Term:** This award is presented to one teacher per year, at a level of \$500.

### **Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies**

The ***Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies*** is awarded biennially (odd-numbered years only) to honor a teacher whose excellence in teaching elementary, middle, or high school history or social studies has had a positive and inspirational impact on students. Read more about the Galis family and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience in history and/or social studies, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies*

**Term:** This award is presented for two years at a level of \$500 per year. Nominations for this award are accepted only in years ending in an odd number.

### **Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts**

The ***Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts*** is awarded biennially (even-numbered years only) to honor a teacher whose excellence in teaching elementary, middle or high



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school language arts or English has had a positive and inspirational impact on students. Read more about Frusanna Booth and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience in language arts and/or English, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts*

**Term:** This chaired award is presented for two years at a level of \$1200 per year. Nominations for this Chair are accepted only in years ending in an even number.

### Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education

The ***Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education*** is awarded biennially (even-numbered years only) to honor a master teacher trained to teach the District's intellectually, emotionally and/or physically disabled students. Read more about Charlotte Brown and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience in special education, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification in special education
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education*

**Term:** This chaired award is presented for two years at a level of \$1200 per year. Nominations for this Chair are accepted only in years ending in an even number.

### Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts

The ***Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts*** is awarded biennially (even-numbered years only) to honor a teacher of art, music, drama, or dance at the elementary, middle, or high school level who exemplifies the ideal of excellence in instruction and possesses the ability to inspire creativity in students. Read more about Lamar Dodd and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience in fine arts (including art, dance, drama, or music), with at least three years in the Clarke County



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- Hold current Georgia teaching certification in fine arts
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts*

**Term:** This chaired award is presented for two years at a level of \$1200 per year. Nominations for this Chair are accepted only in years ending in an even number.

### **Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Support Personnel**

The *Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Support Personnel* is awarded biennially (even-numbered years only) to recognize and honor those (including school counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, behavioral specialists, and graduation coaches) who nurture and care for students in the Clarke County School District in a holistic way, both inside and outside of the classroom. Read more about Dr. Oliver and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of experience in roles supporting students (including school counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, behavioral specialists, and graduation coaches), with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification and/or licensing
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time position on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Support Personnel*

**Term:** This chaired award is presented for two years at a level of \$1200 per year. Nominations for this Chair are accepted only in years ending in an even number.

### **Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers**

The *Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers* is awarded biennially (even-numbered years only) to recognize and reward outstanding teaching in the county's elementary school classrooms. Read more about the Ponsoldts and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website.

**Qualifications:** Eligible educators are those who:

- Prior to the year in which nomination takes place, have at least five years of teaching experience at the elementary school level, with at least three years in the Clarke County School District
- Hold current Georgia teaching certification in elementary grades
- Are employed by a Clarke County school as a full-time or part-time teacher on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination



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- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have never previously received the *Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers*

**Term:** This chaired award is presented for two years at a level of \$1200 per year. Nominations for this Chair are accepted only in years ending in an even number.

### **Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award**

The ***Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award*** will be presented each year to a Clarke County School District employee who serves as a coach on one or more sports teams at the middle and/or high school level. Certified, classified, and lay personnel may be nominated. The nominee should be an individual who inspires and motivates student athletes to excel and who promotes the values of teamwork and sacrifice that Michael modeled. Read more about Michael and past awardees on the Foundation for Excellence website (this award will commence in 2018).

**Qualifications:** Eligible employees are those who:

- Are employed by the Clarke County School District on the first day of pre-planning of the calendar year of the nomination
- Have served in a coaching capacity in the CCSD for at least two (2) years prior to the year of nomination
- Serve as a head or assistant coach for one or more sports teams at the middle and/or high school level
- Do not currently hold any other Foundation award; and
- Have not received the *Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award* in the previous five (5) year period

**Term:** This award is presented to one (1) recipient per year at a level of \$500.