



LIN WRIGHT PROFESSIONAL TEACHING GRANT

Program Description

The Lin Wright Professional Teaching Grant supports the work and professional development of an exemplary secondary school teacher through the introduction of AATE's national professional network. The \$3,000 grant funds registration and travel expenses to attend AATE conferences in 2015 and 2016, and a project aimed to grow or enrich the theatre program in their school or to make the program more visible in their community. The project is expected to be carried out during the year in between the conferences. The goal is that the recipient of the grant will present the project at the 2016 conference along with two runners up who will receive scholarships to attend both conferences. Candidates may be nominated by an AATE member or self-nominated. If the selected candidate is nominated, the nominator, who will also receive a stipend to attend the conference, will serve as a mentor at both conferences and chair the session at the 2016 conference. If the selected candidate is self-nominated, s/he will be appointed an AATE mentor. The successful candidate will be responsible for AATE member dues for both years.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, nominees must:

- have a track record of exemplary teaching in middle or high school
- have been teaching for at least five years
- be enthusiastic to network, learn, share and connect with fellow professionals in the field through AATE
- have never attended an AATE conference in the past

To qualify, nominators must (if applicable):

- be a current AATE member
- be planning on attending both 2015 and 2016 AATE conferences (stipend will be provided)
- be eager to mentor the candidate at both AATE conferences and throughout the year in between

Nomination Procedure & Deadline

To nominate, please send a letter which includes:

- the name of the candidate, school, years of service
- 250-300 word statement outlining why the nominee stands out as an exceptional teacher and (if applicable) why the nominator would be pleased to mentor the nominee.

In the nomination packet, please include

- the nominee's curriculum vitae
- 250-300 word statement from the nominee about his/her theatre program, teaching philosophy, and a description of the intended project aimed to grow or enrich the theatre program in their school or to make the program more visible in their community.

All nomination materials submitted through the online application at www.aate.com/linwrightgrant. Deadline for submissions is **March 27, 2015**.

Thank you for your interest and support of AATE.