



\$10,000 BOBS AWARD NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

This award recognizes superior teaching by an individual currently serving as a certified teacher in Lawrence Public Schools.

A cash award is made to a teacher demonstrating excellence in the classroom and dedication to the profession.

- Nominations letters may be submitted by anyone, including students, staff, peers, alumni and community members.
- Teachers may not nominate themselves.
- Supporting letters from colleagues, parents, students, alumni and community members may be included with the original nomination letter.
- All nominations must be submitted to Dena Johnston, Executive Director by April 30, 2026 at the Lawrence Schools Foundation Office:

110 MCDONALD DRIVE

LAWRENCE, KS 66044

(They may be emailed to djohnsto@usd497.org or sent interschool/U.S. mail)

- All nomination letters become the property of USD 497, the Lawrence Schools Foundation and the Bobs' group and may be used in news releases and other documents relevant to a public award announcement.
- All nomination letters are reviewed and considered by the Lawrence Schools Foundation board, the Executive Director of the Lawrence Schools Foundation and in conjunction with the superintendent, awards committee and district leadership team.
- There are no restrictions regarding the use of the cash award by the teacher selected to receive it. The award is donated by the Bobs' group through the Lawrence Schools Foundation. No public monies are used.



**NOMINATIONS NOW BEING
ACCEPTED FOR 2026**



BOBS AWARDS

N O M I N A T I O N

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

THIS EDUCATOR IS BEING NOMINATED BY:

Within Your Nomination Letter, Please Explain Why You Are Nominating This Educator For The Excellence In Teaching: BOBS Award. *Within your explanation you might consider the following:*

- Years of teaching experience / # of years in Lawrence Public Schools
- Inspirational Teaching Practices
- Dedication to Individual Student Achievement & Success
- Leadership
- The Nominee's Relationship With Parents And The School Community
- Nominee's Participation In The Profession Beyond The Classroom

REFERENCES- OPTIONAL

References Are Not Required, However, We Do Welcome Additional Letters Of Support From Administrators, Parents, Students or Colleagues Of The Nominee.

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