

Blue Ridge PBS announces

The 2008 McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EVERYBODY KNOWS AT LEAST ONE GREAT TEACHER.
WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE *TWO*.

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1. The Awards' Purpose:

In 2007-2008, two prizes of \$25,000.00 will be available from the McGlothlin Foundation to award a Kindergarten – Grade 5 public school teacher and a Middle/High School public school teacher who each excel in their fields. *This award is intended to recognize full-time classroom teachers of core curriculum areas who have not previously won major awards in education.*

A stipulation of the awards is: \$10,000.00 is to be used--within a year-- for international travel to broaden the thinking and experience of the winning teachers, further enhancing their excellence as professional educators.

"The McGlothlin Foundation's goal is for the awards to inspire recipients, their students, their peers, and indeed, their entire school. It is our intent to find the best teachers in today's classrooms around our region. We want to recognize their fine work, reward them for it, and by so doing inspire others to the high qualities they exemplify. Certainly, this award will recognize in a rather significant way what we consider one of the most important professions -- and one with so many unsung heroes."

– Thomas D. McGlothlin, President, McGlothlin Foundation

2. Who Is Eligible

To be eligible, teachers must be under continuing contract to one of the following public school divisions:

Virginia:

Alleghany Co.
Amherst Co.
Appomattox Co.
Bath Co.
Bedford Co.
Bland Co.
Botetourt Co.
Bristol City
Buchanan Co.

Campbell Co.
Carroll Co.
Covington Co.
Craig Co.
Danville City
Dickenson Co.
Floyd Co.
Franklin Co.
Galax City

Giles Co.
Grayson Co.
Halifax Co.
Henry Co.
Lee Co.
Lynchburg City
Martinsville City
Montgomery Co.
Norton City

Patrick Co.
Pittsylvania Co.
Pulaski Co.
Radford City
Roanoke City
Roanoke Co.
Russell Co.
Salem City
Scott Co.
Smyth Co.

Tazewell Co.
Washington Co.
Wise Co.
Wythe Co.

West Virginia:
McDowell Co.
Mercer Co.

Kentucky:
Letcher Co.
Floyd Co.
Pike Co.
Pikeville Independent

Tennessee:
Bristol City
Sullivan Co.
Washington Co.

3. History

Beginning in a farmhouse nestled in the mountains of Buchanan County, Virginia, the McGlothlin family was sustained in their early years through farming and coal mining. As their success grew, the family business became involved in oil, gas, real estate, and financial services. The McGlothlin Foundation was created in 1998 to support worthy causes in higher education, health care, and the arts in southwest Virginia, West Virginia, eastern Kentucky, and northeast Tennessee.

Since 1999, Blue Ridge PBS has directed The McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence. For 40 years, this community-licensed broadcast system has served the region's classrooms. Blue Ridge PBS provides instructional broadcasts and online resources (www.blueridgepbs.org); special projects and professional development for teachers – all ultimately bringing the world to students while helping teachers meet the Virginia Standards of Learning. Blue Ridge PBS includes WBRA/Roanoke, WMSY/Marion and WSBN/Norton in Virginia.

4. The Judges

Each year, The McGlothlin Awards are judged by a distinguished group of regional educational leaders. The 2007 McGlothlin judges were:

- **Dr. Merle Herndon**, Lynchburg City Schools
- **Mrs. Adele Morris**, Craig Co. Schools
- **Dr. Gary Whitt**, Roanoke College
- **Mr. Steve Sage**, Virginia Dept. of Education, Retired
- **Dr. Jim Alouf**, Sweet Briar College
- **Mrs. Virginia Seale**, Ferrum College
- **Mr. John Busher**, Botetourt Co. Schools
- **Dr. Tricia Easterling**, Radford University
- **Dr. Donald Reichard, Sr.**, UNC Greensboro and Emory & Henry College
- **Mrs. Liesl Combs**, Ph.D. candidate, Virginia Tech

5. How to Apply

Classroom teachers may be nominated or may nominate themselves. McGlothlin Foundation and Blue Ridge Public Television staff and families are not eligible. The following elements should be completed and sent to Blue Ridge PBS, P.O. 13246, Roanoke, VA 24032 ***postmarked no later than November 2, 2007:***

Curriculum Vitae or Resume that lists:

- Education history

- Employment history
- Continuing professional development
- Awards / honors
- Conference or other presentations
- Volunteer service to the community

Three letters of recommendation. Send only 3 letters which do not exceed two pages each. Suggested sources: principals, supervisors, parents, and colleagues, current or former students.

Add a personal statement about your teaching (Limit two (2) typewritten pages), that demonstrates how you exemplify the criteria of the McGlothlin Awards. Be sure to provide specific examples of your teaching to support your statement. Include answers to these important points:

- **How do you bring the world to your classroom?**
- **How will you spend the \$10,000.00 international travel allowance if you are awarded?**
- **If you are chosen as a semi-finalist, for Round Two you must submit a standards-based lesson plan with a 20-minute video of yourself teaching the lesson in your classroom, by January 18, 2008.** Do not send a videotape and lesson until you are notified that you are a semi-finalist. Finalists will be asked to grant rights to publish their lessons and/or use their videos on websites, in print, or on the air.
- Finally, the Judges in committees of three will make **on-site observation visits to 6 finalists' classrooms, between February 8 and April 1, 2008.**
- The 2008 McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence will be presented at Radford University **APRIL 17, 2008.** Please mark your calendars to join us for the celebration of teaching!

6. What the Judges Will Be Evaluating

The following qualities and abilities are observed throughout the judging process:

- Teaching for at least 5 years, with plans to continue in the teaching profession
- Answering how the travel portion of the award will help "bring the world" to the classroom
- Commitment to the teaching profession and to continuing professional development (for oneself, mentoring other educators, and/or encouraging young people to become teachers)
- Inspiring students, other educators, and the community to value and enjoy learning
- Meeting the diverse needs of learners
- Promoting a high level of student achievement
- Personal intellectual, ethical, moral, and social standards that inspire the nominees' students to lives of service and social responsibility

7. Timeline Summary

11/2/07 Round One deadline to postmark all nominations to: McGlothlin Awards, Blue Ridge PBS, P. O. Box 13246, Roanoke, VA 24032.

11/09/07 Judging of Round One; up to 20 semi-finalists selected, ten each in Elementary

(K-5) and in Secondary (6-12) grade level categories.

11/1/07 Notification to semi-finalists and to regional media.

1/18/08 Round Two deadline for semi-finalists to send to the above address:

- A 20-minute videotape showing the nominee's classroom instruction, classroom management, and interaction with students, and if possible, use of instructional technology (computers, video, digital cameras, etc.). We will send a style sheet to help with this process.
- A standards-based lesson plan for the instruction shown in the video, authored by the candidate.
- An explanation of how instructional technology might be integrated into the lesson.
- A written statement releasing the lesson for unrestricted educational use—with attribution—to share with other teachers.

1/25/08 Judging of Round Two submissions. Three finalists are chosen in each category.

2/08/08 Notification made to six finalists; three each in elementary school level and middle/high school level. Finalists' names released to media.

2/08/08 – 4/01/08 On-site observations of six finalists in their schools by separate three-person committees of McGlothlin judges.

April 17, 2008 Presentation of McGlothlin Awards to an elementary level teacher and a middle/high school teacher in a ceremony at Radford University. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Fill in the information below and include with your entry materials for Round One nomination (See above--#5. *How to Apply*):

Name: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ School Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

What subjects do you teach? _____

School Address: _____

Division: _____ State: _____

Name of Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____