

**Omaha Down Syndrome Parents Network
Special Educator Award
2008 Application**

ELIGIBILITY

ODSPN offers one special educator award per year. This award, in the amount of \$1,500, is open to Special Education teachers only. In addition:

- Applicants must have worked as a Special Education teacher for a minimum of 5 years in the greater Omaha area.
- Applicants must hold professional certification in the area of Special Education. This can be either a B.S. or a M.S. in Special Education.
- Must currently provide direct services to students with disabilities.

This award is awarded to an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. This may include significant educational success for students, continuing professional development and/or the highest standards of educational quality.

The nominations can be made by families, other professionals or students.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 31st, 2008

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS - Please attach the following:

1. A completed application.
2. An essay of approximately 500 words (typed only please) that clearly communicates:
“Why this teacher is an outstanding Special Education Teacher.”
3. Two character reference letters (For example, a letter from another teacher, parent or employer who is familiar with the educator’s capabilities and interests in this field.)
4. An outline of:
 - Educational/professional certificates and degrees received
 - Work experience in the special education field

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name _____ Middle initial _____ Last name _____

Current address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Current Special Education position _____

**Submit application and attachments to:
Special Educator Award, ODSPN, 5009 Iazard Street, Omaha, NE 68132**