



The Legacy Continues....

2011-2012 Seventeenth Annual Bessie B. Moore Arkansas Awards for Excellence in Teaching Economics

The Purposes of the Bessie B. Moore Awards Program

- To stimulate creativity and innovation in economic education teaching practices.
- To encourage educators to develop descriptions of their successful teaching practices.
- To recognize outstanding educators who effectively teach economic education principles.

Criteria

An award-winning entry will:

- Demonstrate standards based knowledge of economics appropriate to the grade level or course being taught.
- Support increased student achievement and growth in economic understanding and knowledge.



Awards Structure

Six awards will be given in each region: **West Region** UAF, HSU and SAU Center for Economic Education service areas
East Region ASU, UALR and UAM Center for Economic Education service areas

- ***Newcomers***: Three per Region: PreK-12th grade: \$1,000 cash prize
Has not previously received a state or national economics teaching award
- ***Veterans***: Three per Region: PreK-12th grade: \$1,000 cash prize
Previously received a state or national economics teaching award

Each winner will receive an inscribed award and will be recognized in statewide media and honored at an awards luncheon.

Eligibility and Rules

- Teachers of students PreK-12th grade currently under contract to an Arkansas public or independent school district are eligible.
- Eligible teachers may submit one entry per year.
- Collaborative teaching units are acceptable: however, only one teacher will be recognized with the award.
- The economic integration program or activity must be taught within the 2011-2012 academic year (August 2011-June 2012). The entry must be postmarked by **July 13, 2012**.
- Economics Arkansas selects a panel of individuals to serve as a Committee of Judges. The decisions by the judges are final. The number of prizes awarded in each region is at the discretion of the judges.
- All entries and accompanying materials become the property of Economics Arkansas and may be disseminated to educators throughout the state. Entrants must submit a written request to Economics Arkansas for permission to use the materials for publication and/or other professional or commercial purposes.
- *Veteran* award winners are eligible to compete after a one year waiting period. *Newcomer* award winners may enter the Veteran category without a waiting period.

Entry Format

Text must be 12 point type, single-spaced, on 8½ x 11 inch plain white paper. Photos, original or scanned, may be used on front of pages only.

- I. **Overview** (up to two pages)
Describe your creative economic approach in your classroom. Provide a summary overview of the academic content, student learning objectives and student outcomes. State why this approach is effective in increasing economic literacy.
- II. **Chronology and Instructional Process**
Provide a chronological list of all lessons and activities related to the project. Identify economic concepts presented. Include approximate time required and a brief explanation of each session.
- III. **Sample Lesson Plan**
Choose one of your most effective, innovative lesson plans designed for direct instruction of economic concepts. Lesson plan refers to work accomplished during 1-3 class sessions. The lesson is to be written in the following format: Lesson Description, Grade Level, Arkansas Economic Standards and Benchmarks, Student Learning Objectives, Time Required, Materials Needed, Procedure, Closure and Assessment.
- IV. **Supplemental Materials** (up to 10 pages)
Include any materials that directly support economic instruction in your classroom. This may include student work, photos with captions, graphs, printed materials, assessment data, etc.

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Part I: Official Entry Form

NOTE: The following information, plus signature, must be provided.

Name: (exactly as it should appear on award) _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____ Principal: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

School District: _____ Superintendent: _____

District Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____ County: _____

Project Title: _____

Newcomer: PreK-12th grade

Veteran: PreK-12th grade

Your signature affirms accurate information in all parts of your entry, plus activities, exercises, projects, tools, materials and/or lesson submitted are your original work (except where credited otherwise).

X _____

Send application form and all materials to:

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Please contact Economics Arkansas after submitting your entry to verify its receipt.