

Who Will Be The Braille Challenge® 2012 Teacher of the Year for Excellence in Braille Instruction?



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Parents, teachers and administrators—honor the important role your teacher of the visually impaired plays in the lives of children!

The Teacher of the Year will be nationally recognized and flown to **Los Angeles** to take part in The Braille Challenge Finals Awards Ceremony this June.

Criteria for nomination include a nomination statement, classroom samples and a curriculum vitae. Nominations will be accepted through March 23, 2012.

For more information, visit our website at www.braillechallenge.org, or contact Christine Pak, (323) 663-1111, Ext. 1321, or cgpak@brailleinstitute.org.



From left, Nancy Niebrugge, Braille Challenge Director, Trina Britcher, 2011 Teacher of the Year, and actor Bill Chott at The Braille Challenge Award Ceremony on June 25, 2011.

The Winner will receive:

- A cash award
- PacMate notetaker *or* Focus 40 Blue Braille Display, generously provided by our sponsor, Freedom Scientific.



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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2012 | NOMINATION ENTRY FORM

Please print clearly or type.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Business Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current Employment or Affiliation: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Business Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

MAIL NOMINATION MATERIALS PACKET TO:

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Attention: Christine Pak

NOMINATIONS DUE: March 23, 2012

Note: Please submit all material in ONE mailing packet.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2012 | NOMINATION CRITERIA

Criteria

- Nominees must be a certified Teacher for Visually Impaired Children, currently teaching in the United States or Canada.
- Selected nominees will remain eligible for reconsideration by the committee for up to three years. BIA staff will verify with the nominating party that the nominee is still currently teaching.
- If a second nomination is submitted for the same teacher during the three year period, both the original and new submissions would be considered collectively as one, and will automatically enter the nominee in the pool of candidates as a new nominee for that year.

Required Supporting Documents

- Completed Nomination Entry Form
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae
- 150-500 word Nomination Statement
- Examples of how the teacher uses innovative strategies or custom-created curriculum that emphasizes the broader process of reading in conjunction with teaching braille.
- Examples of how the teacher furthers braille literacy for sighted family members, peers, school staff, and other community members.
- Examples of how the teacher contributes or serves as a leader to the field as a whole.

PLEASE NOTE:

DO NOT submit original documents. Submit copies only, as submission documents will not be returned.

Incomplete nominations **will not** be considered.

Packets **must be received** by Braille Institute **no later than March 23, 2012**.