

Guidelines for the Ethel O'Brien Award

The JCTA Spotlight Committee awards the Ethel O'Brien Award to certified Jefferson County Public School employees who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to education and the community through involvement at their school, in their professional organization (other than JCTA), and in community service. The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and a gift of \$1000.

1. To be eligible for award consideration a person must be a certified Jefferson County Public School employee, employed as a teacher by JCPS for no fewer than 5 years, and a member of JCTA.
2. The individual should have demonstrated outstanding dedication to an education-related professional organization, a community service organization, and public education beyond the requirements of their employment, without compensation.
3. Individuals must be nominated by a JCTA member. Self nominations are accepted.
4. A short essay from the nominator providing a rationale for the nomination should accompany the application.
5. The Spotlight committee will review applications for the awards and make recommendations to the JCTA President. In the event of any disagreement with the committee's selection, the recommendation, with supporting and opposing rationale, will be presented to the JCTA Board of directors. The decision of the JCTA Board will be final.
6. Applications for awards must be received in the JCTA office by Jan. 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Applications received after Jan. 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. will not be considered.