



Tennessee Association of Community Leadership

Robert M. Smith Outstanding Tennessee Leadership Educator

Announcing a call for nominations for this year's Outstanding Tennessee Leadership Educator Award. This award is sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar leadership program to recognize an individual's contribution to leadership education in Tennessee. The presentation will be presented at the State TACL Leadership Conference in October.

The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of leadership education either by virtue of a major achievement within the past year or over a number of years through his or her dedication and service to leadership development within Tennessee.

Successful nominees will have had a significant role in mentoring or directing a community, county, or youth leadership program. The better nominations will document successes within the community, county, or among youth that have resulted from this person's role as a leadership educator. The committee will look for nominees whose leadership program has made real differences in the quality of life of the constituents and where the nominee played a significant role in teaching, mentoring, training participants to achieve those differences. The award is not recognition of personal achievements of an individual except in his or her role as a leadership educator. Nominees may be leadership program volunteers or professional staff. Leadership Program making the nomination does have to be a dues paying member of the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership (TACL).

Nominations are made by submitting the completed Nomination to WestStar no later than August 1st.

- Self-nominations are absolutely encouraged and are common!
- Nomination of colleagues in other leadership programs of which you are familiar is appreciated.

Supporting materials should include the below details, due to the WestStar office no later than August 31st.

- A biographical narrative focused on the person's role as a leadership program educator.
- Adequate documentation of program successes and how their efforts have helped to make a difference in the growth and development of leadership and quality of life, as described in the Guidelines.
- Testimonial letters from community leaders, leadership board members, or class members who **describe the contributions the nominee has made through his or her role as a leadership educator**. The number of letters is a matter of choice but two or three should be sufficient.

For further information, call Virginia Grimes at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu.



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Name of Nominee: _____

Leadership Program: _____

Volunteer Staff

Address: _____

City: _____ State: TN Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Organization/Business _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: TN Zip: _____

Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____
(If additional information is needed.)

All nominations and supporting materials should be sent to: WestStar, The University of Tennessee at Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, Tennessee, 38238-5011.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations is August 1st
Deadline for Submission of Supporting Materials is August 31st
(Both nomination and material can be sent together if more convenient.)