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George Sontag, Jr. Award for the School Bus Driver of the Year

The George Sontag, Jr. Award for the School Bus Driver of the Year is given in honor of OAPT Charter Member George Sontag, Jr. to the School Bus Driver of the Year as judged by the OAPT Officers. It is the intent of this award to recognize school bus drivers who exhibit outstanding leadership and professional conduct in the school transportation field, both in the district they represent as well as in the State of Ohio. The award also recognizes school bus drivers who have contributed to the advancement of pupil transportation as a profession.

CRITERIA – To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:

- Nominee must be employed as a substitute or full-time school bus driver for a period of five (5) years preceding the date of the application.
- Nominee must have no at-fault accidents in any vehicle for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application. This involves any accident in which the driver is considered to be at fault regardless of whether a citation is issued or not.
- Nominee must have no moving violations in any vehicle for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application.
- Nominee must have an outstanding record of attendance for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application.
- Nominee must demonstrate the ability to maintain good student conduct and discipline.
- Nominee must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of equipment, safety laws, and local policy.
- Nominee must show participation in continuing education through professional development opportunities.
- Nominee's participation as a K-3 safety trainer is preferred.
- Nominee's participation in Advanced Driver Training is preferred.
- Nominee's involvement in Regional Road-E-O is preferred.
- Nominee's involvement in Community or Civic activities or organizations is preferred.

NOMINATORS – The following individuals may make nominations:

- Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or Business Manager.
- Transportation Supervisor.
- An Ohio Department of Education Pre-Service Instructor.

Letters of recommendation are not needed from everyone listed above, but will be accepted. A complete resume and background for the nominee is required.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 1, 2013

PLEASE SEND NOMINATION INFORMATION TO:

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use additional sheets if necessary

Background Information

Name of Nominee _____
School District _____
OAPT Region _____ County _____

1. Experience

- a. Number of years as school bus driver in current district: _____
- b. Total years as a school bus driver: _____
- c. Total years in transportation as a whole (driver, mechanic, etc.): _____

2. Nominee has no at-fault accidents in any vehicle for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application.

Yes No

3. Nominee has no moving violations in any vehicle for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application.

Yes No

4. Days missed from work for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of the application. _____

5. Nominee demonstrates the ability to maintain good student conduct and discipline. Yes No

6. Nominee demonstrates a thorough knowledge of equipment, safety laws, and local policy. Yes No

7. Nominee participates in continuing education through professional development. Yes No

8. Nominee has participated as a K-3 safety trainer. Yes No If Yes, how many years? _____

9. Nominee has participated in Advanced Driver Training. Yes No If Yes, how many years? _____

10. Nominee has participated in Regional Road-E-O. Yes No If Yes, how many years? _____

11. Community or Civic Organizations _____

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12. In 250 words or less, please explain why this person should be awarded the George Sontag, Jr. Award for School Bus Driver of the Year. Please include any information that will help the Officers make their decision. In order to maintain this award as one that others can aspire towards, the nominee's supervisor must be a member of the Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation.

Submitted by _____

Title/Position _____

School District _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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