Mensa Distinguished Teacher Award
ENTRY FORM

Your name ___________________________________ American Mensa member number __________________________
Address _____________________________________ City/state/ZIP _______________________________________
Phone _______________________________________ Email _____________________________________________

Teacher name ___________________________________ Grade/title/specialty _______________________________
Address _____________________________________ City/state/ZIP _______________________________________
Phone or other contact info _______________________________________________________________________

School name __________________________________ Principal/head _______________________________________
Type of school  □ Elementary  □ Secondary  □ College/university  □ Other (describe) ________
Addres s _____________________________________ City/state/ZIP _______________________________________
Phone or other contact info ________________________________________________________________

The nominated teacher must agree to be considered for the award. A signed statement of agreement from the teacher must be attached to this form.

You agree that all publication rights to your essay, whether it wins or not, are the property of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation. The title of your essay must be at least three words long.

Title of essay ____________________________________________
(At the top of your essay, place this title (but not your name or other identification.)

Signature __________________________________________ Date ____________________

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COMPETITION RULES

1. Your experience with the teacher must have been in a school, college, university, or other instructional institution, public, private, vocational or professional, military, etc.

2. Your essay must be typed, no longer than 500 words, and attached to this form along with the teacher agreement form.

3. The essay should describe: (a) the teacher’s instructional and/or motivational techniques, behavior, manner, remarks, etc., with sufficient clarity and objectivity that they might inspire and be emulated by other teachers of high-IQ students, and (b) specifically how your educational experience or your life was affected profoundly, significantly, and/or lastingly.

4. Vague generalizations may detract from the possibility of winning.

5. Style of writing is not crucial but will be one factor considered by the judges.

6. The teacher must be employed as a teacher at the time of the submission of the entry.

THE AWARD

1. The teacher cited in the winning essay will receive $250, a plaque, and an invitation to the Mensa Foundation reception and to attend all activities at that year’s Annual Gathering. Attendance is not required.

2. The teacher’s school will receive a printed certificate duplicating the teacher’s plaque.

3. If your essay wins and you are present at the Annual Gathering, you will receive recognition at the annual Awards Ceremony. You will be invited, along with the teacher, to the Mensa Foundation reception on the same day. If your essay wins, you and the teacher will be notified before the AG.

TIPS ON WRITING YOUR ESSAY

1. Type your essay on plain white paper, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins.

2. Check your spelling and grammar and remember the traditional teacher’s admonition, “Neatness counts.”

3. Count your words. Essays longer than 500 words will not be considered.

4. Mail the Entry Form, your essay, and the signed Teacher Agreement Form to:

   Mensa Education & Research Foundation
   Distinguished Teacher Award
   1200 E Copeland Rd Ste 550
   Arlington, TX 76011

5. You may want to keep a copy. No entries will be returned.

6. Write to the teacher. A sample letter is attached.
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SAMPLE LETTER TO NOMINATED TEACHER

Dear _____________________________,

Surprise! Did you know that I’m now a member of Mensa? Mensa’s associated philanthropic organization, the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, gives an annual Distinguished Teacher Award for the best 500-word essay on “A Teacher Who Changed My Life.”

I’d like to submit an essay about my wonderful experience as a student of yours.

If my essay wins, you will receive $250, a personalized plaque, and an invitation to the Mensa Education and Research Foundation reception at next July’s Mensa Annual Gathering. You will also be invited to attend all the Annual Gathering activities on that day. If you cannot attend, the presentation will be made at a location more suitable to you.

Your school would receive a printed certificate duplicating your plaque.

The rules require that you agree to participate in the competition. If you do, please sign the Teacher Agreement Form and return it to me.

Sincerely,
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TEACHER AGREEMENT FORM

I agree to have my name entered into the competition for the Mensa Distinguished Teacher Award. I understand that selected essays, winners or not, may be published by Mensa Foundation or American Mensa.

My real name □ may □ may not be mentioned in a published essay.

Signed ________________________________  Date __________________

Printed name __________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________

City/state/ZIP __________________________________________________________________

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