

Who Qualifies for the Distinction?

Public school educators, teaching grades K-12 in the communities served by Prudential California Realty.

Educators are nominated for a grant by students, parents, peers and other educators for demonstrating the following:

- A passion and excitement about the process of teaching, which ultimately creates a love of learning in the students.
- A method of encouraging students through example, dedication and genuine affection to push themselves and to dare to grow.
- Ways to build students self-confidence and self-esteem.
- A commitment to education, by looking at sources outside the classroom for self-expression and growth.
- The drive to surpass the standards of existing curriculum, opening the minds of students to new possibilities.
- An ability to inspire not only students but parents, teachers, staff and the entire community.

The Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation is a non-profit organization, incorporated by the State of California and currently doing business as the Education Foundation.

A Message...

"As Realtors it is clear to us that the schools in our communities contribute substantially to the value of what, for many of us, is our biggest single investment - namely, our homes.

It is largely the unsung and frequently the heroic efforts of our children's teachers that truly make our outstanding schools what they are.

So it is fitting for us to recognize and honor those contributions in some way.

The Education Foundation is how we have chosen to give something back to these dedicated professionals. "

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What is the Education Foundation?

The dedicated professionals who teach our children are among our community's greatest resources. To acknowledge these people and to thank them for their priceless contribution to our children's lives and future, the Education Foundation was created.

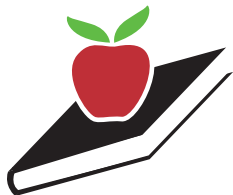
How does it work?

Each year, the Foundation members encourage students, parents and peers to nominate exceptional teachers for grant consideration. The Foundation then honors the final recipients at awards ceremonies in the spring with a generous monetary grant and Certificate of Excellence. Grant money may be used at the sole discretion of the Grantee.

Where does the money come from?

Funds for the Foundation are the result of a commitment on the part of Prudential California Realty agents, managers and administrative staff. With over 140 offices, many of the 4,500 agents generously contribute to the Foundation on a continuing basis from each home sold.

The growth of the endowment is ensured through continuous pledges, corporate funds, fundraisers and other sponsorships .



About the Teachers

"Her students absolutely adore her and it's not hard to see why. The children are her number one priority."

Danville

"(Our teacher) puts education into a student's point of view."

Berkeley

"I do not know how many students she will have touched before the end of her teaching career. However many that will be, those will be the fortunate ones."

San Francisco

"What a wonderful atmosphere: students helping teachers!"

Livermore

"Her rare gift is being able to maintain discipline in the classroom without squashing self-esteem. Her enthusiasm is contagious."

Antioch

"Her love of bringing new ideas and problem-solving techniques into the classroom has made the children eager to master new skills."

Walnut Creek

"Within the play students sing a song that serves as a model for Susan's teaching philosophy: 'If I could reach higher Just for a moment and touch the sky.'"

Benicia

What the Teachers Say

"I would like to thank you for...the highlight of my career in education. (This) will be one of my fondest memories."

Castro Valley

"My students are so amazingly bright and funny, I feel that they are my reward. However, such an honor from the 'real world' is much treasured"

Oakland

"...we're purchasing dictionaries...so that every child will have one. You do make a difference."

Alameda

"We were in the company of some incredibly motivating and dynamic educators. I was touched by each presentation...thank you for an event I will always remember. It was an honor."

Tracy

"I teach because I love working with kids, but a little recognition can be a revitalizing boost."

Pleasanton

The Foundation "is to be highly commended in the recognition of teachers - whose heart and soul challenges students to reach their highest potential."

Concord

"I am now closing my 29th year in the classroom and I will cherish this recognition as one of the high points of my career."

Antioch