

The Council of the Great City Schools &
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Announce

*The Queen Smith Award for
Commitment to Education
- 2009 -*



Queen was a much loved and admired colleague who always said it like it was. She worked with many of us in key accounts, at national exhibits, and participated in all new product development discussions. She was well-known nationally in urban accounts and elsewhere. In the early 1990s, she established the Educator's Collaborative, a leadership group of national educational leaders, brought together to focus on the needs of urban schools and children. During the last several years, she was a major presence in the Council of the Great City Schools and recently was Chair of the Urban Education Technology Forum (UETF) section of the Council. She was also active in the National Alliance of Black School Educators. In 1996, Queen represented

Macmillan/McGraw-Hill on a trip to South Africa with a number of other educators to learn about their educational system and to share ideas about our system. This was a very proud moment for her.



Queen joined Macmillan/McGraw-Hill School Publishing Company in June 1989. She had been a junior high school teacher and was involved in school publishing as a sales representative, consultant, consultant manager, and a software curriculum specialist. In 1991, she served as Urban Specialist and then promoted to Vice President, Urban Sales.



The Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education was established in October 1998 in celebration for the unwavering commitment Queen gave to children, her community, and her church. Each year, \$2,000 will be awarded to an educator who has made significant contributions to education and to the community. Additionally, \$1,000 will be awarded to The Council of Great City Schools whose programs serve as models for educating future generations.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE

Name

Title

School or Organization

Work Address

Home Address

Telephone: Work

Home

E-Mail

Fax

EDUCATION

High School/Year

Institution/Degree/Year

Institution/Degree/Year

Institution/Degree/Year

AWARDS OR CITATIONS

Please list any official recognition of the nominee's contribution to education: awards, citations, community recognition, etc.

RATIONALE

Please explain why you believe the nominee deserves to receive *The Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education*. Please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this nomination form.

NOMINATOR

Name

Title

Work Address

Home Address

Telephone: Work

Home

E-Mail

Fax

Please explain your relationship to the nominee (colleague, employee, etc.):

Signature

Date

REFERENCES

Please arrange for at least two letters of reference and provide a brief biographical sketch of the nominee. In addition to the originals, **four (4)** copies of the nomination form, the rationale, and each reference letter, along with one photograph of the nominee, should be submitted to: The Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education, The Council of the Great City Schools; 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 702; Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 393-2427; (202) 393-2400 [fax]; www.cgcs.org

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NOMINEES

- Nominees must be professional educators working in the areas of teaching, administration, policy planning, and/or adult education. (Any level may be nominated.) Superintendents and board members should apply for the Richard R. Green Award.
- Nominees must be active members of The Council of the Great City Schools.
- Nominees must submit a current photograph.
- Proof of volunteer community involvement is required.
- Nominators need not be professional educators.
- Employees, retirees or relatives of employees or retirees of McGraw-Hill Education are not eligible to be nominated.
- Neither the members constituting the Board of Judges nor their relatives are eligible to be nominated. (The Council of the Great City Schools will select the Board of Judges.)

NOMINATING PROCEDURE

- Each year, the Board of Judges will select one winner from nominations submitted by mail to The Council of the Great City Schools.
- Nominations sent directly to McGraw-Hill Education will not be considered.

- Completed nominations must be received by **August 21, 2009**. In addition to the originals, 4 copies of the nomination form, the rationale, and each reference letter, along with one photograph of the nominee, should be submitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The award winner:

- must have made a significant impact in the field of education.
- must be effectively involved in a community organization whose policies and programs support the perpetuation of creative and effective education for all age groups.
- must have taken a significant leadership role in furthering a specific aspect of education (curriculum, technology, policymaking, etc.).
- must be serving the interest of children as an employee or board member in a member district of the Council of the Great City Schools at the time of nomination (teacher, administrator, board member, curriculum specialist, etc.).

The Queen Smith Award will be awarded without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, age, or national affiliation.

DEADLINE

Nominations must be received by The Council of the Great City Schools by **August 21, 2009**. The winner will be notified by The Council of the Great City Schools.

All children are to be endeared and nurtured with careful guidance. With this in mind, each generation is bequeathed a legacy of unwavering commitment by the torch we all must carry."

— Q u e e n S m i t h

Each year at its annual fall conference, the Council presents the Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education to an urban school educator who has made significant contributions to education and to the community. Sponsored by the McGraw-Hill Education, the award is named in memory of the company's late vice president of urban programs.



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