



COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

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2017 Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education





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The Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education 2017



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 of her life, she was a major presence in the Council of the Great City Schools and was Chair of the Urban Education Technology Form (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 of the unwavering commitment Queen gave to children, her community, and her church. During the Council's 61st Annual Fall Conference (October 18-22) in Cleveland, OH, \$5,000 will be awarded to a teacher who has made significant contributions to education and to the community. The \$5,000 award will be presented Friday, October 20. 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 (*Must be a teacher*)

Name

Title

School or Organization

Work Address

Home Address

Telephone: Work

Cell:

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 contributions 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; c/o Terry Tabor, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1100N; Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 393-2427; (202) 393-2400 [fax]; www.cgcs.org.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NOMINEES

- Nominees must be a teacher. Superintendents and board members should apply for the Green/Garner Award.
- School district must be active members of the Council of the Great City Schools.
- Nominees must be willing to attend the Annual Fall Conference to accept the award, Friday, October 20. Registration is waived for winner and a guest.
- Nominees must submit a current photograph.
- Proof of volunteer community involvement is required.
- 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 11, 2017.** 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 in a member district of the Council of the Great City Schools at the time of nomination.

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 11, 2017. The winner will be notified by the Council of the Great City Schools.



Queen Smith Recipients



Johanna Lopez, center, a teacher for 17 years in Florida's Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, was presented with the 2016 Queen Smith Award, from left, Council Executive Director Michael Casserly and a McGraw-Hill representative.



Memphis high school teacher Melissa Collins was the 2015 recipient of the Queen Smith Award.



William Daniel, center, a high school teacher in Orlando is presented with the 2014 Queen Smith award from, left, Arthur Griffin, of McGraw-Hill and Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.



Eric Hines, right, director of equity and inclusion for North Carolina's Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, is presented with the 2013 Queen Smith award from, left, Arthur Griffin, of McGraw-Hill and Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.



Council Executive Director Michael Casserly, left, and Arthur Griffin of McGraw-Hill congratulate Bridget Williams for winning the 2012 Queen Smith Award.

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ll 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.”

— Queen Smith

At the 61st Annual Fall Conference in Cleveland, OH, Friday, October 20th, the Council will present 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 McGraw-Hill Education, the award is named in memory of the company’s late vice president of urban programs.



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