

## **Teacher's First Award Qualifications**

### AWARD

One teacher a month, from September through May, will be chosen to receive the award. Teachers First recipients will receive a plaque and overnight accommodations at Colorado Springs Cheyenne Mountain Resort  
The nominating individual will receive a gift.

### PURPOSE

To recognize and honor teachers who exemplify excellence in teaching.  
To encourage and inspire others.  
To raise the importance of the teaching profession.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Must be currently teaching in a Southern Colorado K-12 accredited public or private school.  
University or college personnel will also be accepted.  
Must not have been recognized by Teachers First previously.

### NOMINATION PROCESS AND RESTRICTIONS

Nominations will be accepted all year. Applications received in the summer months will be considered the following semester.

Please do not submit additional support materials (photos, videotapes, audio cassettes)

Nominations must include:

- The Nomination Form
- Letters of Nomination. It is suggested that three letters of nomination be submitted:
  1. One letter from nominator
  2. One letter of recommendation from individual other than family member
  3. One letter from school principal or administrator

Only the winner and their nominators will be notified. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

Nominations are to be submitted by mail. Fax will not be accepted.

Nomination materials will not be returned.

Only complete nominations will be considered.

Winner will be featured on News First 5 each month during the 5AM, 11AM and 5PM newscast.

Winner, nominee and school agree to be featured on News First 5.

### MAIL YOUR NOMINATION TO:

Teachers First  
c/o News First 5  
530 Communication Cr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905  
OR

Teachers First  
c/o News First 5  
2200 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Pueblo, CO 81003

### GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Describe specific examples of how this teacher cares.

Describe how this teacher provides a positive, stimulating classroom.

Explain how this teacher makes a connection with his/her students.

Tell what this teacher does that is above and beyond normal duties.

Be specific on how the teacher helps develop successful members of the community.