



**MISSOURI RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL
DISTINGUISHED RETIREE AWARD**

**DEADLINE: Nominations for the MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award
must be post-marked on or before June 30 each year.**

(Please note: The application and rating criteria were revised in 2013.)

The MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award program is conducted by the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel. MRTA is interested in recognizing members who have given service beyond the call of duty. The first MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award was presented in 2001. At the request of our members, the MRTA Board of Directors approved recommendations making several changes to eligibility, application submission, and rating criteria for nominations. It is our hope these changes have leveled the playing field and will encourage, reward, and recognize participation within our MRTA Local Units--the grassroots of MRTA. Your unit is encouraged to make **one** nomination. Please mail your nomination to: **MRTA DISTINGUISHED RETIREE NOMINATION, 3030 DuPont Circle, Jefferson City, MO 65109.**

The Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel Board of Directors established a procedure to select an MRTA Distinguished Retiree. Enclosed are specific guidelines and a nomination form.

One finalist from each of the fourteen regions will be selected by a committee of MRTA Regional Vice Presidents which will not include the Regional Vice President of the home of the nominee. The winner will be one of the fourteen finalists and will be selected by a committee of at least five statewide education associations. The fourteen regional finalists will be invited to attend our Annual Meeting which is held in September each year to receive an award and be recognized.

The deadline for submitting your nomination for the MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award is June 30 each year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office toll-free at 1-877-366-6782 or email us at mrta@morta.org.

1. Lodging and mileage expense will be paid for the fourteen regional finalists.
2. The MRTA Distinguished Retiree will receive a Patio Brick at the MRTA Office Facility in their honor.
3. The fourteen regional finalists will be invited to a recognition luncheon to be held during our Annual Meeting which is held in September each year at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO. The fourteen regional finalists will also be recognized at their regional meetings.



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GUIDELINES

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any MRTA member may be nominated except any current member of the MRTA Board of Directors. The nominee must be retired not less than three years and an MRTA member at least three years.

- *Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in subsequent years; however, they are encouraged to submit an updated application.*

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The selection for the MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award will be determined by a committee of education associations not affiliated with MRTA. The fourteen regional finalists will be recognized at a recognition luncheon during the MRTA Annual Meeting. The fourteen regional finalists will also be recognized at their regional meetings.

SUBMITTING YOUR PACKET

It is recommended that you submit the original copy of your application. The pages should be typed on one side only. Other materials may be included in your application as long it is within the maximum number of six (6) pages allowed. See details below.

HOW TO PREPARE THE APPLICATION

- **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED THAT DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE 6 PAGE LIMIT.**

1. Personal photograph.
2. Application cover sheet (Use enclosed application form).
3. One letter of nomination from your local MRTA Unit signed by a Unit Officer.

- **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED THAT COUNT TOWARD THE 6 PAGE LIMIT.** Applications are judged on a 100 point system as follows:

4. Professional Biography..... (15 points)
5. Contributions to Public Education **since retirement**..... (15 points)
6. Describe your MRTA involvement **since retirement**
 - a. State..... (5 points)
 - b. Region..... (5 points)
 - c. Local..... (30 points)
7. Describe your community service work **since retirement** through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, church/civic activities, etc... (30 points)
8. Applications must be post-marked by ***June 30***. Please mail your nominations to:

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Date: _____

Nominee Name (as you wish it to be printed on your award):

Home Address:

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

MRTA Membership Number: _____ *(Call MRTA Office toll-free 1-877-366-6782 if not known)*

Total years as an MRTA Member (3 years minimum): _____

Total years retired (3 years minimum): _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials may be shared with persons interested in promoting the MRTA Distinguished Retiree Award Program.

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated by (Unit Name): _____

Signature of Local Unit Officer: _____

**This cover page does not count toward the six page limit.*