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**THE DAWBARN EDUCATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominee’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position, Title and/or Area of Student Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Merit:** On an attached, one-sided 8 ½” X 11” sheet of paper (2 pages double-spaced maximum; #12 font minimum), describe in a brief essay why you believe this person is deserving of an award. Using the **Selection Criteria** below as a guide, explain **how** this person has successfully encouraged, inspired, and fostered learning in our young people. *Please avoid highly general statements and use specific examples of this person’s record of success in these areas and what distinguishes this person as exceptional from his/her peers.*

**References:** Please provide **two** letters of recommendation (in addition to the nominator’s essay) from individuals who are familiar with the nominee’s work and *can provide additional specific examples* that address the **Selection Criteria** noted below. Additional letters will not be accepted.

**Selection Criteria:**

*Individuals who have most successfully:*

- *Encouraged students to reach their full potential;*
- *Inspired young people to set educational goals; and*
- *Fostered a lifelong appreciation of learning in our youth.*

Mail completed nomination form, postmarked by Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to:  
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**P.O. Box 815**  
**Staunton, VA 24402**



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### **Purpose:**

In 1997, H. Dunlop "Buz" Dawbarn established a fund to improve education in his local community by providing cash awards to individuals who have most successfully inspired, encouraged, and fostered learning in young people below the college level. He had a particular interest in public school education, and because of high teen pregnancy rates, an interest in effective mentoring and tutoring to encourage young women to remain and succeed in school. Along with exceptional teachers, some of the best educators are guidance counselors, coaches, secretaries, administrators, custodians, volunteers, bus drivers, mentors, parents, community leaders, and others.

### **Eligibility Guidelines:**

Awards may be made to any individual\* who demonstrates success in fulfilling the purpose of the awards. Nominations may be made by any person, including supervisors, colleagues or other citizens in the community knowledgeable about the individual's contribution to the education of public school students in Staunton, Waynesboro and/or Augusta County.

- At least four awards will be made to individuals presently employed as regular classroom teachers of pre-school, elementary or secondary students in the public schools in the community.
- The remaining awards will be made to other individuals including, without limitation, teachers, school aides, parents, administrators, coaches, mentors, school bus drivers, volunteers, business people, civic club members, church workers, agency workers, or any other person who are currently making a positive difference in the lives and education of young people in the public school system below the college level. Also, because of the pervasive, negative effect of the teenage pregnancy rate in the region, it is hoped that one or more of the recipients of these awards will be individuals who, by effective mentoring and training, are encouraging young women to remain and succeed in school.
- Individuals may be nominated and receive awards in consecutive years, but may not receive more than one award each year.
- Self-nomination and nominations by immediate family members is not permitted.

Within the guidelines of the purpose of the awards, a selection committee will review all nominations and identify those individuals most deserving of recognition for the kinds of abilities, characteristics and behaviors described in the stated criteria.

**Nominations will not be considered unless the all materials (nomination form, essay, and two letters of recommendation) are either received or postmarked by the due date.** Please contact Christiana Shields, Grants Manager, at 540-213-2150 or [cshields@communityfoundationcbr.org](mailto:cshields@communityfoundationcbr.org) with any questions.

*\* Members of the Community Foundation Board of Directors, staff, Dawbarn Awards Selection Committee and their immediate families are NOT eligible for nomination or awards.*