

TRI- COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FUND

2026 Crystal Apple Awards



The mission of the Tri-County Education Fund is to enrich the lives of all Tri-County students by providing financial support for unique and innovative learning opportunities.

The Crystal Apple Awards are to honor those individuals who, over the course of their employment, have consistently elevated and empowered students to embrace challenges, optimize effort, exceed expectations, surpass goals, and reach their highest level of personal educational achievement, thus making a difference in the lives of our students.

Nomination Categories

- **Educator of the Year** - This category includes classroom teachers, counselors, media specialists, and administrators.
- **Outstanding Support Staff of the Year** - This category includes instructional assistants, secretaries, custodians, cooks, maintenance and technology personnel, nurses, bus drivers, and any other school employee in a supporting role.

Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must be a current employee of the Tri-County School Corporation and have a minimum of five years of consecutive employment.
- The nominee may not have been a previous recipient of the Crystal Apple Award.

Who Can Nominate

Any community members, student, parent, or co-worker can nominate any Tri-County School Corporation employee meeting the criteria.

Selection of Award Recipients

The Tri-County Educational Fund Board of Directors will review all nominations, verify their eligibility and choose the recipients who best exemplify the characteristics needed to fulfill the Tri-County Schools pledge.

Nominations must be on the attached form and received at the Tri-County School Corporation office no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2026.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Send completed form by Friday, April 10, 2026 to:

Tri-County Educational Fund
105 N 2nd Street
Wolcott, IN 47996

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Please circle category: **Educator of the Year** **Outstanding Support Staff of the Year**

Please circle your relationship with the nominee:

Student **Former Student** **Parent**
Community Member **Colleague**

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Please provide an explanation of why you are nominating this individual for a Crystal Apple Award by describing **three** reasons you believe the nominee makes a difference in the lives of Tri-County students. Use additional pages if necessary.