TEACHING EXCELLENCE
IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

2012
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Dear Texas Community Banker,

We need your help by nominating an outstanding teacher in your local community who has tackled the important topic of financial literacy in the classroom for the 2012 Teaching Excellence in Financial Literacy Award.

Your nominee should be an educator dedicated to promoting financial literacy in grades K-12. He or she may be a teacher in a public, charter or private school. This individual should be passionate about teaching and understand the importance of preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s financial decisions. Your nominee should be one who has shown initiative and demonstrated innovative techniques in the classroom in teaching students the importance of financial responsibility through financial literacy.

Why focus on teachers? As you know, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) is committed to promoting financial literacy throughout Texas. As the philanthropic arm of IBAT, the Education Foundation’s mission is “building financially literate communities.” It all comes back to understanding the basics of savings and credit, knowing how to budget and make informed choices and decisions. Teachers play a significant role in helping students learn these basic financial concepts. IBAT wants to recognize their importance and reward them for their efforts.

Three teachers from across our state will receive a $1,000 cash award.

In order to be considered, please send to IBAT no later than December 17, 2012, the following:
1. Your Banker Nomination Form
2. Letter of support for your nominee
3. Teacher Application Form

Three award recipients will be selected by a panel on judges from The Education Foundation’s Board of Directors. After the awards honorees are announced, IBAT representatives will travel to your local area to join you in presenting the cash award to the deserving teacher at a school assembly or other appropriate event.

We hope you will submit a deserving nominee from your local school district and help us honor their commitment and contributions to promoting financial literacy in our public schools.

Cordially,

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IBAT President & CEO

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Teaching Excellence in Financial Literacy
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The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) celebrates and recognizes outstanding teachers who are teaching financial education. You have been nominated for the Fourth Annual IBAT Teaching Excellence in Financial Literacy Award.

Why focus on teachers? IBAT Education Foundation is committed to promoting financial literacy throughout Texas, and our mission is “building financially literate communities.” This centers on understanding the basics of savings and credit, knowing how to budget, and knowing how to make informed choices and financial decisions. Since teachers play a significant role in how students learn, IBAT wants to recognize your importance in conveying the basics of a financial education in an effective and fun manner.

There is a prize - $1,000 cash award to three individuals who will be recognized by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas and local community bankers during ceremonies at their respective schools.

Nomination Process
In order to be considered for this award, individuals must be nominated by a member in good standing of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. Nominees must answer the following questions which also appear on the Teacher Application Form.

1. Describe your financial literacy curriculum, grade level, and why you selected it for your classroom.

2. When a student leaves your classroom, what three elements of financial literacy do you want him or her to know?

3. How does your class segment on financial literacy education support the three elements in Question 2?

4. How do you capture your students’ attention?

5. If you were to design a “financial literacy starter kit” for your students, what elements would it include?

6. How do you measure the effectiveness of your financial literacy program?

7. How many students have received your financial literacy instruction in the last year?

Judging
A select panel from the IBAT Education Foundation’s Board of Trustees will review the nominations and select three award recipients from across the state. Award honorees will be notified by January 28, 2013.

Please return the following: (a) Nomination Form from your community banker (b) Letter of support from your community banker (b) Teacher Application Form

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The IBAT Education Foundation funds initiatives with the power to help community bankers actively create a more secure financial future for all Texans. Our focus is directed toward financial literacy programs for consumers and bankers.

Texas community bankers are seeking ways to be proactive in counteracting a threat to the public's financial health - mounting consumer and commercial debt, understanding how banks operate, and taking responsibility for choices and financial decisions.

The Foundation, a 501(c)3 not for profit organization, is guided by its own Board made up of IBAT members. As we grow, the Board will grow and always exemplify the partnering between community bankers and the communities they serve by including educators, civic leaders, philanthropists, spouses, business leaders and others.

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