



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE PURPOSE AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

The Discipleship Ministries National Awards for Excellence are presented to IPHC teachers, youth and children's pastors, and Royal Rangers commanders who model excellence in ministry. Awards are offered in the following four categories: Karl W. Bunkley Teacher of the Year (Sunday School/ Discipleship Ministry), Youth Pastor of the Year, Children's Pastor of the Year, and Royal Rangers Commander of the Year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the Individual Nomination Form.
2. The person submitting the nomination should write a letter in their own words stating why the nominee should be considered. This letter should be double-spaced and one to two pages in length. Please see the 7-point Nomination Questionnaire for criteria to include in the nomination letter.
3. A photo should be included of the nominee. A headshot and a photo of them "in action" with their class, Royal Ranger group, etc. All photos need to be print quality, ie. saved in high resolution if sending them on a CD.
4. Submit the nomination form and letter of recommendation to the local DM Director and/or Pastor by March 15th.

The local DM Director and/or pastor will select the local recipient in each category. The local winner should be submitted to the conference DM office by May 1st for conference eligibility. The conference DM Director/committee will then determine the conference recipient for each category and then forward those winners to the national office by June 15th to compete for the **National Award for Excellence** in their category. Local and conference awards are left to the discretion of that local church or conference.

Any person who is involved in the instructional ministry at the local level in an IPHC member church is eligible.

Entries on each level should be received by the date listed below:

- Local Level – March 15** (Individual nominations turned in to the church)
- Conference Level – May 1** (Local winners sent to the conference office)
- National Level – June 15** (Conference winners sent to the national office)

National winners will be announced/recognized at the Youth Quest/Fine Arts Festival in July.