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**Teacher nominations close Dec. 1
For 2008 Golden Apple Awards**

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Nominations will close December 1 for the 2008 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

To be eligible for the 23rd annual awards, nominees must be full-time classroom teachers currently teaching in grades 4 through 8 at an Illinois public or non-public school located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake or Will county. Nominees also must be committed to continue teaching for at least two years after receiving the award.

Ten award winners will receive a paid sabbatical to study tuition-free at Northwestern University, a laptop computer, \$3,000, induction into the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, and recognition in September on a one-hour WTTW/11 TV special.

Award finalists will be announced in February; the 10 winners will be named in April.

Nomination forms are available at the Golden Apple Web site — www.goldenapple.org — or by calling 866/912-9868, or writing to Golden Apple Foundation, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60603. For more information, call Nellie Quintana at 312/407-0433 ext. 121.