

Sedgwick CMS Teacher Competition

About the Competition

Now teachers have the chance to win alongside their students! Whether you always celebrate the honored city with Memphis in May, or whether you are considering incorporating Memphis in May into your classroom for the first time, this competition is for you! Memphis in May will recognize the teachers with the most outstanding “global classrooms,” teachers who utilize Memphis in May’s programming to supplement their curriculum and introduce culture to their students.

Memphis in May offers programs and curriculum to spice up classrooms at all grade levels. From the School Performances, to the Education Competitions, and the World Cargo Crate, there is something for everyone! Participate in as many of the programs and events as possible to increase the appeal of your classroom.

Rules and Information

Sign up for and participate in one or more of Memphis in May’s education programs and events. Teachers should submit a completed entry form along with a short paragraph describing their incorporation of the honored city into their curriculum. Teachers must also submit at least five additional items to supplement their application and help give the judges a better idea of their program. These materials can be photographs, examples of student work, presentations, lesson plans, etc.

Teachers must comply with all guidelines for each program in which they participate, and all corresponding deadlines must be met. Keep track of the number of entries and/or number of student participants in each program. Citing additional programs and/or events *other* than those sponsored by Memphis in May is acceptable as long as the programming focuses on the honored city. If you submit a non-Memphis in May program, additional background information – including pictures, examples, written description, etc. – about the programs should be submitted with the entry form.

This competition is open to any public or private elementary, middle, or high school classroom teacher in Memphis and Shelby County.

Criteria

Memphis in May would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers who surpass expectations and truly impact their students’ lives. In an increasingly globalized world, exposure to culture is a valuable tool that provides students with knowledge and experience of diverse cultures, opening their minds to new people, places, and ideas. This competition seeks to find those teachers that have utilized these valuable tools to impact their students. ***Entries will not be judged solely on the quantity of Memphis in May activities, but rather the main criteria will be the educational impact, creative use of curriculum, and quality of the learning and educational activities in the classroom. Last year’s Grand Prize Winner not eligible for this year’s competition.***

Awards

“Sedgwick Teacher” Grand prize: One teacher will receive **\$1,000** cash prize.

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Entry Form

Name: _____ Title/Subject Taught _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Teacher's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please mark each program and event in which you and/or your students participated this year, completing the required information for each. Additionally, teachers must submit **five additional supporting materials**; these can be photographs, examples of student work, presentations, lesson plans, etc. Finally, describe in a short paragraph you and your students' experience this year with Memphis in May's programming.

Events/Programs and Exhibits

- World Cargo Crate**
Number of your students that saw the crate _____
- The student performance at the Orpheum**
Number of students in attendance: _____
- Hosted In-School performers**
Number of students in attendance: _____
- Visited Memphis in May exhibits in local gallery or museum**
Number of students in attendance: _____
Name of exhibit or location: _____

Education Competitions

- International Paper Children's Poster Competition**
Number of Entries: _____
- Creative Writing Competition**
Number of Entries: _____
- PowerPoint Competition**
Number of Entries: _____
- BCBS World Cargo Crate Photo Contest**
- Best Memphis Classroom Competition**
For Education Competition entry forms, please see the Memphis in May website at www.memphisinmay.org/education

Additional Programming

- Non-Memphis in May program honoring Memphis**
Please submit additional background information for this program with your application.