

NEW TEACHER COMMENDATION 2008

FOR EXCELLENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

Four \$250 Stipends for Classroom Resources to Be Awarded

PURPOSE: MaFLA's mission encompasses the mentoring, support and professional growth of new teachers in the profession. This commendation and accompanying stipend recognize and award new teachers for demonstrated excellence.

MaFLA is aware of the commitment, dedication, and resources needed for the classroom and will reimburse each recipient up to \$250.00 for classroom materials. In order to receive reimbursement, award recipients must submit original purchase receipts. The commendation will be presented at the Annual Fall Conference.

CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDATION/APPLICATION:

New Teacher refers to a person who, at the time of being recommended or of applying for the award,

1. graduated from a college or university within 3-5 years or is new to the teaching profession within the past 3-5 years,
2. has taught not less than three and not more than five years,
3. is a member in good standing of MaFLA.

The new teacher demonstrates/has demonstrated that (s)he is:

- familiar with current approaches to foreign language teaching
- sensitive to learning problems of students
- able to recognize student/class needs and capable of meeting such needs
- using teaching methods successfully
- able to communicate well with students
- able to maintain a class atmosphere conducive to learning
- involved in extra-curricular foreign language activities
- involved in professional activities
- enthusiastic in his/her teaching and learning of foreign languages.

RECOMMENDATION/APPLICATION PROCESS:

Recommendations/applications for the commendation can be made by a school administrator, a colleague or the teacher him/herself.

2008 New Teacher Commendation Application Form

Please print or type

Name _____ Email _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

School Name _____ Phone _____

School Address _____

Classes taught in 2007-2008 _____

Years teaching: full time _____ part time _____ Years teaching Foreign Language(s) _____

Submit the application form and supporting materials by *March 31, 2008*, to:

Nancy Kassabian, 68 Las Casas St., Malden, MA 02148

The successful applicant will be notified by April 30, 2008