



Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

2011-2012 Counseling Excellence Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Counselors are often some of the hardest-working members of any team of educators. Besides helping students through personal crises and ever-changing schedules while shuffling piles of paperwork, they often become part-time teachers, part-time administrators, and part-time professional development specialists. It seems that we are happy to let them do all of this as long as they still pull lunch duty whenever asked.

These awards have been designed by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Counselors' Network as tokens of appreciation for exemplary counselors from the Valley in four categories: Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Postsecondary. We are appealing to educators across the Valley to nominate counselors with whom they are acquainted for the Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence. Consider any or all of the following criteria as you choose a nominee.

- 1 A best practice in career awareness, career exploration, career preparation and/or Tech Prep student success at the level appropriate for the award.
- 1 An outstanding individual act of service during the past year.
- 1 An outstanding cumulative record of service to a specific school or district.
- 1 A counselor who has made a major contribution in helping bridge the gap between groups. (*Ex. between career counselors and academic counselors, teachers and counselors, administrators and counselors, students and parents, etc.*)

If you have someone whom you feel should be recognized for another reason, please write that in and the committee will consider it.

Tech Prep will accept nominations for any counselor serving in a public or private institution.
Nominations must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than Friday, November 11, 2011.

All nominations will be sent to an independent group for review. This group will choose the winners. We will announce the winners of the 2011-12 Tech Prep Counselor of the Year Award in December 2011 during the 2011 Tech Prep Regional Conference at, South Padre Island, TX. Please take a moment to consider whom you might give a big token of appreciation to by nominating him or her for this honor.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Nominations may be submitted by Superintendents, Principals, Counselors, Career and Technology Directors, Teachers, or Community Partners.
2. To submit a nomination, complete the information below and provide a narrative explaining the reason you believe the Nominee deserves this award. **Your nomination must address part or all of the criteria in the Call for Nominations.**
3. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than Friday, November 11, 2011, and sent to Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., TSTC Tech Prep Building, 1902 North Loop 499, Harlingen, Texas 78550.
4. Hand-delivered nominations must be **received** in Tech Prep's Harlingen office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011. **Faxed nominations will not be accepted.**
5. Call Tech Prep at 956.364.4509 or 956.364.4516 for additional information.

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate the individual named below for the 2011-12 Counseling Excellence Award:

Name of Nominee: _____

Job Title: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I nominate this individual for the following award:

- Tech Prep Counseling Excellence Award
Elementary School Level
- Tech Prep Counseling Excellence Award
Middle School Level
- Tech Prep Counseling Excellence Award
High School Level
- Tech Prep Counseling Excellence Award
Postsecondary School Level

Submitted by the undersigned:

Name of Nominee: _____

Job Title: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____



STAFF USE ONLY:

Date and Time Received: _____

Received by: _____

Application No.: _____

NARRATIVE EXPLAINING BASIS FOR NOMINATION