



VIRGINIA LOTTERY®

Helping Virginia's Public Schools.

**VIRGINIA LOTTERY'S SUPER TEACHER AWARDS
OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES
2012**

- A. PURPOSE:** A Contest (“Contest”) will be conducted to support the Virginia Lottery’s commitment to public education and to honor outstanding Virginia public school teachers who go the extra mile to serve his/her students and his/her communities. Through this Contest, a prize winner will be selected from eight (8) identified regions within the state of Virginia for a total of eight (8) winners. Contest winners will each receive a prize consisting of a \$2,000 credit with the Supply Room Companies to outfit his/her classroom and \$2,000 prize from the Virginia Lottery (“Grand Prize”). Eight (8) winning Super Teacher schools will also win a dynamic Science Museum of Virginia educational experience.
- B. CONTEST PERIOD:** The Contest will be conducted beginning on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 and ending on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 (“Contest Period”).
- C. CONTEST ENTRY:** To participate, a person must submit a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Nomination Form that contains an essay of five hundred (500) words or less, via the established entry methods for this Contest. Entries for this Contest will be accepted via U.S. mail and the Internet.
- D. ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries submitted by U.S. mail must be postmarked by Tuesday, February 14, 2012 and received by Friday, February 17, 2012 in order to be eligible to participate in this Contest. Internet entries will be accepted until 11:59 pm EST on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.
- E. MAILED ENTRIES:**
1. To enter by mail, a person must **clearly** and **legibly** complete a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Nomination Form. This Nomination Form must be completely filled out with all required information. Mailed entries are to be submitted during the Contest Period to: **Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards,**

900 E. Main Street – 13th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Entries will not be accepted that are mailed to or delivered to any other Virginia Lottery address.

2. Entries mailed to the Virginia Lottery with insufficient postage will be deemed invalid.

F. INTERNET ENTRIES:

1. To enter via the Internet, a person must go to the Virginia Lottery's contest website at www.valottery.com/teacher, access the Contest page and complete a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Nomination Form following the provided instructions.
2. Persons must correctly submit all required information. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for information that is entered incorrectly.

G. CONTEST ELIGIBILITY:

1. This Contest is open to persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. Participants (Nominators) may be required to provide proof of their date of birth.
2. Board Members, officers, employees and vendors of the Virginia Lottery and any person(s) residing in the same household of such member, officer, employee or vendor are not eligible to participate in this Contest.
3. A person may submit an entry for this Contest more than once as long as a different teacher is nominated with each entry.
4. Each entry's essay must contain no more than five hundred (500) words, be no smaller than twelve (12) point type and no less than 2.0 line spacing.
5. Submitted entries become the property of the Virginia Lottery and will not be returned.
6. Only the requested entry information will be accepted. Any additional information submitted will not be used in the judging process and will deem the submitted entry invalid.
7. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for entries submitted incorrectly or received before the Contest start date or after the entry deadline date. Such entries shall be deemed invalid.
8. Only entries that are submitted in the manner described in Section E ("Mailed Entries") and Section F ("Internet Entries") of these official rules will be eligible for entry in this Contest.

9. Persons must correctly submit all required information. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for information that is submitted incorrectly.
10. Each entry must contain current and valid information. The Virginia Lottery will not change or update entry information for an entry that has already been submitted.
11. Each Contest winner and the person who submitted the winning entry will be required to participate in publicity efforts. Examples include an interview with television, radio and/or newspaper reporters and/or photographers or cameramen. This information may be used in future Contest media and/or on the Virginia Lottery's Web Page and Facebook page without additional consent or compensation to the winner.

H. TEACHER ELIGIBILITY:

1. Nominated teachers must be full time, fully licensed K – 12 public school educators currently teaching in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Nominated teachers must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Winning teachers may be required to provide proof of his/her date of birth.

I. GRAND PRIZE WINNER SELECTION: All eligible entries submitted via the established entry methods and by the established entry deadline date will be reviewed Tuesday, February 21, 2012 through Monday, March 26, 2012. The following is an overview of how the received entries will be reviewed for the purpose of selecting the Grand Prize winners.

1. After the established entry deadline date, all submitted entries will be sorted according to eight (8) designated regions within the state. The regions are listed below. (See Appendix A for a detailed map).
 - Abingdon
 - Charlottesville
 - Winchester
 - Alexandria
 - Richmond
 - Norfolk
 - Petersburg
 - Roanoke
2. A panel of judges comprised of representatives from the Virginia Parent Teacher Association Board, former Super Teacher winners, educators and community leaders will review and select the eight (8) regional Grand Prize winners.

3. Each entry's submitted essay will be reviewed and scored based on the criteria listed below.
 - Passion and commitment to the teaching profession
 - Innovation and creativity in the classroom
 - Make best efforts to involve parents and families in their student's education
4. After the panel of judges has submitted their decision for the eight (8) winners, a representative of the Virginia Lottery's Communications Department will confirm that the selected entries are valid. In the event that a selected entry is deemed invalid, an alternate entry will be selected as a winner. This process shall continue until all valid winners have been selected for each of the established regions.
5. The prizes awarded during this Contest are not transferable or assignable. Prizes offered by the Supply Room Companies and Science Museum of Virginia are not redeemable for cash.
6. Prizes offered by the Supply Room Companies must be delivered to winners before Thursday, February 14, 2013 and must be delivered to an address within the state of Virginia.

J. GRAND PRIZE DESCRIPTION: In association with this Contest, a panel of judges will select eight (8) essay entries to win the Grand Prize in this Contest. The following prize will be awarded to each of the eight (8) teachers written about in the winning essays beginning no earlier than Monday, April 2, 2012 and ending no later than Friday, June 22, 2012, in the manner described above in Section I.

- A \$2,000 credit with the Supply Room Companies to supply the winning teacher with an assortment of supplies that can be used to better equip his/her classroom.
- A \$2,000 prize from the Virginia Lottery for personal use by the winning teachers.

K. SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA PRIZE DESCRIPTION:

Eight (8) winning Super Teachers schools will win a Science Museum of Virginia educational experience. SMV will provide access to the exhibits and a classroom activity at no cost to a class from all eight (8) winning Super Teachers' schools at a mutually agreed on time during the 2012 – 2013 school year. Class size not to exceed thirty (30) students.

The winning Super Teacher schools from the SWVA and Roanoke areas will visit the Danville Science Center (DSC), an affiliated museum, who will provide a

similar educational experience to those classes at that venue. The other six (6) Super Teacher schools will visit SMV.

School groups will arrive at SMV or DSC around 10:00/11:00AM and depart around 3:00PM. This timing will allow for a 45 minute classroom activity, a 45 minute lunch, and 2 – 3 hours to tour the exhibits.

SMV will work directly with one representative from the eight (8) Super Teacher schools to schedule the field trip during the 2012 – 2013 school year and will customize the visit to compliment the grade level and area of study.

In the unlikely event that a school is unable to take advantage of the trip to SMV or DSC, two alternative options exist (a school may pick one):

- An SMV Outreach visit (Science BY-VAN) may be scheduled at the school. This involves an SMV educator traveling to the school and conducting a 25 minute all school assembly, making available hands-on exhibits and holding up to ten (10), 50 minute classroom workshops.
- At the schools request, SMVF will award the school a grant in the amount of \$800 to be used for educational classroom supplies.

L. WINNER PROCEDURES:

1. The winners selected in association with this Contest will each receive a Winner Information Packet from the Virginia Lottery. Included in the packet will be a congratulatory letter, a Claim form, an Affidavit of Eligibility form, a pre-paid, pre-addressed UPS return envelope and a complete copy of the Virginia Lottery's Super Teacher Awards Official Contest Rules.
2. Each winner will be required to complete the forms included in his/her information packet and return all completed forms in the prepaid, pre-addressed UPS envelope by the deadline date stated in his/her congratulatory letter.
3. Once the Virginia Lottery receives the properly completed and signed forms, the Lottery will forward each winner his/her prize.

M. SET-OFF DEBT COLLECTION & TAXES:

1. All winners who win a cash prize of \$100 or more are subject to the Set-Off Debt Collection Act as set forth in §§ 58.1-520 through 58.1-531 of the Code of Virginia. Such prize winners shall also be subject to § 58.1- 4026 that permits certain prizes from the Virginia Lottery to be subject to the Delinquent Debt provisions of the Set-Off Debt Collection Act.
2. Each prize winner for this Contest will be provided with a 1099 tax statement from the Virginia Lottery for tax reporting purposes if his/her prize exceeds \$600.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein, each winner will be responsible for any taxes owed as a result of winning a prize in this Contest.

- N. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RULES:** The rules and procedures set forth in these Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Official Contest Rules shall govern this Contest, except where the same are in conflict with applicable laws, regulations, or more specific rules in which case the applicable laws, regulations or more specific rules shall control.
- O. CANCELLATION OF SALES, DRAWING OR PRIZE AWARDS:** The Virginia Lottery's Executive Director may, in the Executive Director's sole discretion, cancel drawings on holidays, days of special importance or on days when conditions make conducting the drawings impractical or inappropriate, and may elect to conduct drawings and make-up drawings at such times and dates, and pursuant to such methods, as the Executive Director may determine, all in the Executive Director's sole discretion. Neither the Virginia Lottery, the Executive Director, nor any employee of the Virginia Lottery or member of the Virginia Lottery Board shall have any liability whatever for any such termination.
- P. TERMINATION OF CONTEST:** The Virginia Lottery's Executive Director may, at anytime, announce a suspension or termination of the Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Contest, without advance notice and in the Executive Director's sole discretion, at which point no further entries will be accepted and no additional Prizes shall be awarded. Neither the Virginia Lottery, the Executive Director, nor any employee of the Virginia Lottery or member of the Virginia Lottery Board shall have any liability whatever for any such termination.
- Q. GOVERNING LAW:** By participating in the Virginia Lottery's Super Teacher Awards Contest each person agrees to comply with and abide by the Virginia State Lottery Law, all Rules and Regulations of the Virginia Lottery, all final decisions of the Executive Director of the Virginia Lottery, and all rules, policies and procedures established by the Virginia Lottery Board and/or Executive Director of the Virginia Lottery for the conduct of this Contest. Any dispute arising which relates to any aspect of this Contest shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the venue for the determination of any such dispute shall be in the city of Richmond, Virginia.
- R. WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** By entering this Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards Contest, all Contest winners agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and waive any claims against, the Virginia Lottery, and any of the affiliates, employees, directors, officers, agents, representatives and assigns of any of said entities, arising, directly or indirectly, out of, or in any way connected with, this Contest or the prizes awarded in connection therewith.

