



2026 Golden Apple - Annual Educator Award

TWO \$2,000 Awards

FOUR \$1,000 Awards

FOUR \$500 Awards

Freedom Federal Credit Union is pleased to offer **TEN** Annual Educator Awards ranging from \$500 up to \$2,000. Applicants may be a deserving teacher, school administrator or school support employee. **Eligible applicants are Education Employees** who may be a deserving teacher, school administrator or school support employee from a Harford County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, or Carroll County primary/secondary school (public or private).

Awardees are Required to be members of Freedom FCU. (New Members are Welcome to Apply)

To Enter: Complete the entry form below and submit an essay that explains why you, as a teacher or education employee, deserve this award. Your essay may address any or all of the following questions:

1. What is your creative idea or initiative to benefit your students, your class, or your school? If you win this award, how will you make it happen using the funds from this award?
2. How will your idea or initiative support or improve the learning experience of your students or benefit your classroom or school overall?
3. Will your idea or initiative benefit the overall community? If yes, how so?

***Scoring weight is awarded to submissions based on perceived impact and creativity with a strong preference for ideas/initiatives that are sustainable over multiple years.**

Please submit your entry form and essay to enter@freedomfcu.org. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of Freedom employees, volunteers, and community partners. Previous awardees must skip a year between submissions. **Applicants are encouraged to include pictures and links if applicable and details on supplies with associated costs.**

Entry deadline: May 31, 2026, Submit by email to: enter@freedomfcu.org.

Winners will be contacted by June 22, 2026.

Official Entry Form

(Info may be included in the header of your essay in lieu of this form)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Job Title: _____ **Affiliation or School:** _____

I teach in: Harford County Baltimore County Baltimore City Carroll County

Membership: Current Freedom Member Contact me to open an account *(Membership is a requirement for Awardees)*

Please use as many pages as necessary to complete your essay.
