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**NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE RAYTHEON
LEADERS IN EDUCATION AWARD**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) is now accepting nominations for the annual Raytheon Leaders in Education Award. The program recognizes and rewards Pima County teachers in grades PreK-12 who are achieving outstanding classroom performance, demonstrating leadership in their schools and communities, and supporting their peers in a committed teacher workforce.

The nomination process is new for 2024. Eligible teachers can be nominated by anyone, including colleagues, administrators, parents, students, family members, or organizations. Teachers are also allowed to self-nominate. The nomination form can be found [here](#) or at TucsonValuesTeachers.org. Nominations must be submitted by 5pm on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Once the nomination period ends, teachers will be notified and encouraged to formally apply for the award by submitting a completed application form and supporting documents.

Through a rigorous evaluation process, judges will narrow down applicants to twelve finalists and ultimately choose four awardees—one representing PreK, one for K-5, one for 6-8, and one for 9-12. Raytheon | An RTX Business will award the four winners with \$2,500 cash each; an additional \$2,500 in matching gifts will be presented to each teacher's respective school. In addition, each finalist will receive \$500.

To be eligible for the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award, teachers must:

- Spend the majority of a school day in direct instruction to students;
- Be currently certified to teach in Arizona or have PreK equivalent credentials;
- Have completed at least four full years as a classroom teacher at the time the application is submitted for consideration;
- Teach grades PreK-12 in a Pima County school; and
- Be a full-time teacher and plan to continue in active teaching status through 2025.

Tucson Values Teachers' Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Hill, said, *"So many teachers are worthy of recognition but are too humble to apply for awards on their own. By changing the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award process, we're hopeful that even more teachers will participate this year. We encourage everyone out there who knows excellent teachers to nominate them for this award, so they not only have a chance at \$2,500, but so they know they are valued by their community."*

Finalists and winners of the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award will be honored at Tucson Values Teachers' Stand Up 4 Teachers event later this year.

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***Tucson Values Teachers** (TVT) is a business and education partnership focused on helping schools and districts attract, retain and support the very best teachers for every PreK-12 classroom in Southern Arizona. The organization recognizes the critical role teachers play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. It does this work by raising public awareness of the value of the teaching profession while providing programs that benefit teachers economically and professionally. For more information and to support TVT, visit tucsonvaluesteachers.org or call (520) 203-8538.*

Vision:
*Great Teachers. Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.*

Mission:
*To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in
Southern Arizona through community
collaborations that attract, retain, and
celebrate teacher excellence.*



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