

2014 FINLEY AWARD NOMINATIONS



In an effort to acknowledge those in our schools demonstrating outstanding character, Hoover City Schools and the Finley Committee annually recognize an employee of the school system and a twelfth-grade student from each high school. The employee chosen will receive \$1,000.00 and the students will receive \$500.00 each. Those selected will be honored at a dinner at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center on **Thursday, March 20, 2014**. Additionally, winners of this award become the official spokesperson for the Character Education Recognition Program across Hoover City Schools.

We would like you to become involved by nominating someone for the Finley Award. Consider nominating someone via this electronic application. Email/pony/mail completed applications to Louise White at the Hoover Board of Education Central Office. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. White at 205-439-1015.

[*Renomination Form*](#)

People may be renominated in the year subsequent to the initial nomination. However, the supporting data may only be used one time. Last year's nomination forms and supporting documentation are on file with the Finley Committee. After one year a new nomination form and supporting materials must be submitted. Scroll down for a renomination form.

THE FINLEY AWARDS: A HISTORY

HOOVER CITY SCHOOLS PLACES EMPHASIS ON CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS TODAY. IF CHARACTER IS THE COMBINED MORAL AND ETHICAL COMPOSITION OF A PERSON, BOB FINLEY WAS WITHOUT PEER.

BOB FINLEY WAS AN EDUCATOR AT W. A. BERRY HIGH SCHOOL FROM 1963 TO 1994. DURING THAT TIME HIS LIFE WAS A REFLECTION OF HIS CHRISTIAN BELIEFS; THEREFORE, HE BECAME A ROLE MODEL FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS. WITH HIS UNTIMELY DEATH DURING THE SUMMER OF 1994, COACH FINLEY LEFT THE LEGACY OF AN EXEMPLARY CHARACTER FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO EMULATE.

THOUGH HE WAS OFTEN CATAPULTED INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AS A RESULT OF HIS POSITION, HE NEVER SOUGHT RECOGNITION, BUT WAS ALWAYS HUMBLE. COACH FINLEY ENDEARED HIMSELF AS A GENTLEMAN WHO WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR OTHERS, WHO WAS RESPECTFUL AS WELL AS RESPECTED, AND WHO WAS COMMITTED TO HIS FAITH, FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL CALLING.

THE FINLEY AWARDS PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1996 AS A TRIBUTE TO COACH FINLEY'S CHARACTER AND LEGACY – AND AS A WAY TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING CHARACTER FOUND WITHIN HOOVER CITY SCHOOLS.

THE FINLEY AWARDS

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____ Date _____

Nominee is:

- Twelfth grade student at Hoover High School
- Twelfth grade student at Spain Park High School
- Employee

If nominee is an employee, please provide: Job title _____

Place of employment _____

Name of person making the nomination _____ Phone _____

Your relationship to person nominated (spouse, teacher, parent, employer, student, etc)

Length of time you have known the nominee _____

Areas where you have observed the nominee (work, school, social, family, community, religious organization, etc.) List all that apply.

If others provide supplementary information on nominee, please list their names and relationship to nominee below. (If nominee is a student, at least one contact should be an adult.)

Name	Relationship to Nominee	Phone and/or email
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Persons being nominated for this award should exemplify the following:

- * Sets high standards for himself/herself
- * Assumes responsibilities over those normally expected of his/her position
- * Exemplifies quiet leadership
- * Encourages the best in others
- * Possesses an outstanding work ethic
- * Has genuine concern for others
- * Is respected by others and respects others
- * Has a humble manner
- * Is honest in all his/her dealings with others
- * Is committed to his/her organization

- * Sets a positive example for both young people and adults
- * Is considerate of others

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Please briefly describe at least three specific examples in which you relate ways your nominee has exhibited some or all of the characteristics listed on page 1 of this form. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Example # 1

Example # 2

Example # 3

Email/pony/mail completed form to:

**The Finley Awards Committee
c/o Hoover City Board of Education
2810 Metropolitan Way
Hoover, Alabama 35243**

ATTN: Louise White

**DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THIS FORM TO
THE HOOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION / FINLEY
COMMITTEE:
February 3, 2014**

2014 FINLEY AWARD RENOMINATION FORM

Please reconsider _____'s 2013 nomination for the 2014
Finley Award. (ALL nominators must sign.)

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