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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

- Biology _____
- Chemistry _____
- Physics _____
- Earth Science _____
- Mathematics _____

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate GARY D. SWANSON

School in which candidate teaches TWIN CEDARS COMM. SCHOOLS

Address of school BUSSEY, IOWA 50044

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?

Mr. Swanson uses a variety of techniques, including lecture, films, film strips, overhead projector, and demonstration. The course is comprehensive and is in great demand by students.

Mr. Swanson enjoys teaching a great deal.

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?

Mr. Swanson gives of his time freely in both school and community affairs.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching?
What new devices?

This teacher is well read and makes every effort to keep himself up to date.

4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

I have never known failure in this man.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Probably one of the most dynamic teachers I have ever seen.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

Has a tendency to worry about his students and their problems more than he should.

7. Other Important Information:

This man is sought out by students for personal as well as academic advice. Alumni students want to see him above all others.

Name of recommending person

John A. M. M. M.

Address

Bayley Lane

Official position

Principal