

The 2016 Fishman Prize Fact Sheet

Now Accepting Nominations and Applications!

Early Deadline: November 24, 2015 | Final Deadline: January 5, 2016

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The Fishman Prize is an annual award that honors the nation's most amazing public school teachers and the hard work of great teaching.

- It is given by TNTP, a national nonprofit focused on educational quality, to teachers who are passionate and insightful about teaching and demonstrate extraordinary success in the classroom with high-need students. Four teachers are awarded the Prize each year.
- It is one of the largest and most prestigious awards for practicing teachers in the U.S., and the only one exclusively for teachers working with students from low-income families.
- 2016 is the fifth year of the Fishman Prize. Winners have come from across the country and represent a wide variety of grades, subject areas, and school types.
- Through the Prize, TNTP strives to recognize the talent, hard work, and dedication of America's most effective teachers, give them an opportunity to reflect critically on their work in the classroom and beliefs about teaching, and amplify their voices.

The Prize consists of a \$25,000 award, a seat at the Fishman Prize Summer Residency, and lifetime participation in the Fishman Prize Alumni Program.

- The Fishman Prize is one of the largest monetary awards in the country for practicing teachers.
- Prize winners are invited to meet with many influential leaders over the course of the summer, broadening their understanding of current issues in school reform. In previous years, they've met national leaders like Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Senate Assistant Majority Leader Dick Durbin; influential figures in education like Doug Lemov and David Coleman; journalists from the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *TIME Magazine*; leaders in education research and policy; and other award-winning educators.
- Prize winners collaborate with each other and with TNTP staff over the summer to write and publish a paper on effective teaching practices. This paper is shared with educators nationwide for free on our website.
- Alumni have had lunch with President Obama, testified before Congress, and been invited to participate on state education boards. They continue to learn from and work with each other in TNTP's Fishman Prize Alumni Program.

The Fishman Prize is extremely competitive, and the selection process takes most of the school year.

- Any full-time teacher working in a high-need public school (ex: 40% FRPL and Title I), including public charter schools, may apply.
- In 2015, TNTP received nearly 800 applications from 46 states and DC. The application requires two essays.
- 95 "Honor Rollees" were selected from the applicant pool to submit teaching videos and references.
- 20 semi-finalists were selected to participate in unannounced classroom observations conducted by TNTP.
- 10 finalists were selected for interviews and a celebration in New York with TNTP and Shira Fishman.
- 4 winners were selected for 2015.

The Fishman Prize is named after Shira Fishman Printup, a DC Public School math teacher who became a teacher through TNTP's DC Teaching Fellows program.

- Most awards are named after extremely wealthy or famous people. This award recognizes real teachers who are getting results in classrooms every day, so we named it after a practicing teacher who embodies that. Shira Fishman Printup is a current math teacher at McKinley Technology High School in Washington, DC. She was named the 2011 DCPS Teacher of the Year and was one of 40 teachers nationwide to receive a 2011 Milken Educator Award.