

***Better Beginnings Award***

**Nominate A Teacher!**

***The spirit of the award is that better beginnings make stronger completions.***

**Purpose:** The Better Beginnings Award celebrates the life and career of Helen Bach Moss, a New York State Educator who passed away in 1988. The award recognizes elementary teachers (PreK-6) who are gifted in finding and nurturing the strengths of each student and fostering trusting relationships among pupils, parents, teachers, and administrators. The 2019 Better Beginnings awardee receives \$5,000 with an award of \$1,000 to the awardee's school. Second and third place applicants receive \$1,000 awards.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be currently teaching at the elementary level (PreK-6) in a New York State public or private school, and be appropriately credentialed in New York State.

**For more information, please visit: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/bba/bba.html> to learn more about the Better Beginnings Award and to nominate a teacher today!**

**Nomination Packet Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Please return the nomination packet to:  
NYS Education Department  
Office of Higher Education  
Elena Bruno  
89 Washington Avenue – EB 4N  
Albany, NY 12234**

**OR**

**Email the completed nomination packet to: [elena.bruno@nysed.gov](mailto:elena.bruno@nysed.gov)  
Questions may be directed to: (518) 486-2978**