

**The Michael & Lucille Otto Excellence in Education Award
2008 Application**

Michael and Lou Otto are established practitioners in the field of education. Michael Otto, a National Distinguished Principal, current school board member and assistant professor of education at Park University believes that the teaching profession is the most noble and rewarding profession that one can choose. Lucille Otto, 23-year veteran science teacher at North Kansas City High School, gets great satisfaction in knowing that she has inspired many of her students to pursue a career in teaching, medicine, science, and research. Both Michael and Lou believe that educators do make a significant difference in the lives of all children. To encourage people to become teachers, they created an annual \$500 teaching award in support of a Park University School for Education student pursuing a career in teaching.

Eligibility: Applicants must be fully accepted into the Park University School for Education program.

Application Deadline: Received by April 15th, 2008. **Return to:**
Michael & Lou Otto Excellence in Education Award Committee
School for Education Office, Copley Hall
8700 NW. River Park Drive
Parkville MO, 64152

Applicants full name: _____

Parents/or Guardians' name(s): _____

College Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Home E-mail: _____ School Email: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Current Scholarships/Grants: Please list other scholarships and/or grants and amounts which applicant has received (You may add attachment): _____

Award Criteria (Please attach information for each criteria)

Criteria 1:

Extracurricular Activities/Leadership/Awards/Achievements: As an attachment, please list all extracurricular activities in which you have participated during your college years. Also include leadership positions held, awards, honors, and achievements.

Criteria 2:

Essay Question: As an attachment, please answer the following question: "In what way have you been influenced by an educator." Please use the following parameters regarding your essay:

- Please use 8/12 by 11" paper
- 12 pt. Font, 1 inch margins, include a Title Page, and a reference sheet if you used references
- The essay is not to exceed 500 words
- Please note that you may not write about the award sponsors (Michael and Lou Otto)

Letters of Recommendation: As an attachment, include one letter of recommendation from a professor and one non-teacher/non-relative letter of recommendation. Each letter of recommendation must clearly state the name of the applicant being recommended, as well as the name, address, and phone number of the person making the recommendation.

Finalist may be called for a personal interview or for further information. The winner will be announced May 1st, 2008. If you have any questions, you may call Michael Otto, assistant professor of education at 816-808-2315.