1. The contest for the prize is open to chartered affiliates of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO (hereinafter, AFT) in good standing (hereinafter, affiliate entrants) and groups of individual AFT members (hereinafter, group entrants). Group entrants may be comprised of individual members of one or more AFT affiliates, all of whom must be members of the AFT in good standing.

2. The contest prize is $25,000. It may be awarded only to non-profit, tax exempt entities organized pursuant to sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code. All entrants must designate the organization(s) to which the prize is to be awarded should the entrant be designated as the winner.

3. Contest applications must be made on an official application form, which will be made available by the AFT.

4. The entry period for the contest begins at 9 a.m. MDT (Mountain Daylight Time) on Monday, April 21, and ends at 11:59 p.m. MDT on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014.

5. All entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges that will include prominent educators and trade unionists. Following the judges’ evaluation, the winning entry will be chosen by the elected officers of the AFT.

6. The deliberations of the judging panel and the AFT officers remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into. The AFT officers reserve the right not to award a prize in any given year if, in their view, the quality of entries is insufficiently meritorious or for any other reason.

7. Information provided by any entrant may be used by the AFT and affiliated organizations for promotional and publicity purposes. This may include and is not restricted to the information being used on websites, social media, printed material, advertisements, press releases, etc.

8. Contest entries submitted by group entrants may be disclosed to leaders of AFT affiliates, the members of which comprise the group.

9. Employees of the AFT and its affiliates are not eligible to participate in this contest.

10. The winning entry will be announced in October 2014.

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