

Teacher of the Year Application Form

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Region ESC	Elementary or Secondary	District Name & ID No.

Section I. General Information and Signatures

Nominee's First/Last Name _____

Nominee's Email (Work) _____ (Personal) _____

Nominee's Twitter Handle (if applicable) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Certification Program Reg Alt Certification Area(s) _____

Major Subject Area _____ Grade Level(s) _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____

Principal's First/Last Name _____

Principal's Email _____ Phone _____

District Superintendent's First/Last Name _____

Superintendent's Email _____ Phone _____

District Public Information Officer's First/Last Name _____

Public Info Officer's Email _____ Phone _____

I hereby give my permission for any or all of the attached materials or photos that may be taken of me to be shared with persons interested in promoting, in a variety of media, the National and Texas Teacher of the Year Programs.

Signature of Nominee

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Section II. Resume

Please fill out the resume information below. You may leave rows blank. However, you will only be able to add five items to each category. Please include the five most recent items in chronological order.

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Education

School Name	Degree	Major	Years Attended (i.e., 2010-2014)

Certifications

Certification	Year Obtained

Work Experience

Title	Organization	Years in Position (i.e., 2010-2014)

Leadership Experience

Position	Organization	Years in Position (i.e., 2010-2014)

Awards and Other Recognition

Award/Recognition	Year Received

Please also attach a PDF copy of your resume. Resumes should not exceed two pages.

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Section III. Professional Biography

Please use third person for your professional biography and follow the content and style guidelines below.

Please include the following items:

- The grade level and subject you currently teach
- The school in which you currently teach, including city
- All degrees you hold; include the institution where they were earned (Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Texas)

Please follow the following style guidelines:

- Spell out your degrees (Bachelor of Arts not BA)
- Only capitalize a subject area when it's a language (e.g., capitalize English but not calculus)
- Use your first and last name in the first reference, but your last name only on second and subsequent references
- Spell out all acronyms the first time they are used

By completing this section, you agree that your biography can be used in Teacher of the Year materials.

Type your bio (maximum 250 words) in the box provided below:

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Section IV. Response Questions (pages 4-8)

Respond to the following questions, highlighting your personal story, and why you believe you should be the Teacher of the Year. Please indicate evidence of student impact. Please do not include external links. Maximum word count is indicated in parenthesis. Each question refers to the criteria for the National Teacher of the Year Program, which is as follows:

A candidate for National Teacher of the Year (NTOY) is a State Teacher of the Year in a state-approved or accredited school; pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, who is planning to continue in an active teaching status. The National Teacher of the Year candidate has the respect and admiration of their colleagues and:

Is an expert in their field who guides students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve excellence; collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture of respect and success; deliberately connects the classroom and key stakeholders to foster a strong community at large; demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the classroom walls that embodies lifelong learning; and expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way.

Response Question 1

Describe a content lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage students of all backgrounds and abilities in the learning? How did that learning influence your students? How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in this lesson or unit? *(maximum 750 words)*

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Response Question 2

Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in which contributed to the improvement of overall school culture. What was your role, how did you collaborate with others, and what is the status of this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. (maximum 500 words)

Response Question 3

How do you ensure that education transcends the classroom? Describe specific ways in which you deliberately connect your students with the community. Please include evidence of student impact.
(maximum 500 words)

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Response Question 4

What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe how you demonstrate being a lifelong learner, leader, and innovator about this issue, both in and outside of the classroom walls. (maximum 500 words)

Response Question 5

If you were to advance to be the 2020 National Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for all teachers and students. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the public? (maximum 750 words)