



2018 Texas Teacher of the Year Application Instructions

- Please provide all information requested in Sections I-IV of this application packet, as well as a photograph.
- Include original signatures of the applicant, the applicant's principal, and the applicant's district superintendent on the form in Section I.
- Please follow the formatting instructions and word/page limits specified on page 3 for Sections II-IV. Any additional pages and/or materials submitted will not be presented to the Selection Committee.
- Use the completed application form on page 1 as the cover sheet for your application packet. Please do not add another cover sheet with photos or artwork.
- All sections (including the form in Section I) should be printed on plain white paper and paper-clipped or submitted in a clear plastic folder with a simple clasp. No notebooks or loose-leaf binders, please.
- Accompanying each application packet must be one color photograph, either hard copy (5"x7") or electronic (color, portrait orientation, 300 dpi, jpg format), suitable for publicity purposes (professional headshot such as a school photo). Please no cellphone selfies, PDFs, or Word documents with photos embedded. No photocopies or photographs of photos will be accepted.

Submit an electronic copy (PDF preferred) of the completed application form (Section I), the pages you create in your word-processing software to provide the information requested in Sections II-IV, and a photograph to your [Regional ESC Coordinator](#) by the **ESC's close of business, Wednesday, June 7, 2017**. (Photographs sent by mail should also arrive by this deadline.)

Questions? Contact the Jennifer Garrido, Texas Teacher of the Year Program, 512.852.2105 or texastoy@tasanet.org.



2018 Application Form

Region Service Center

Elementary or Secondary

District Name & ID Number

Section I. General Information and Signatures

Nominee's First/Last Name _____

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

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 _____

Signature of Principal _____

Signature of Superintendent _____

Submit completed application, responses to essay questions, and photograph to your [Regional ESC Coordinator](#) by the ESC's close of business, Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Important Instructions for Sections II-IV, Texas Teacher of the Year Application

Section I must be submitted on the form provided on page 2. Sections II-IV should be produced using your own word processing software. Start each section on a new page and include the section number and heading at the top. (For sections that allow for a multi-page response, repeat the section number and heading on page 2 and subsequent pages, adding “continued.”) Number all pages and adhere to the word or page limits specified for each section; additional pages and/or materials submitted will NOT be presented to the Selection Committee. Use at least 1-inch margins, a minimum of 10-point, easy-to-read type, and double space. The result should be a clean, clear copy suitable for easy black-and-white copying and placement in a three-ring binder with other applications.

Section II. Résumé

Please provide information relevant to the following categories, entering each item as a separate line of text under the appropriate heading. Please adhere to the formatting instructions provided above.

(Limit: 2 double-spaced pages)

- **Education**
- **Certifications**
- **Experience**
- **Leadership**
- **Awards and Other Recognition**

Section III. Professional Biography

Please complete your professional biography in third person, adhering to the formatting instructions provided above. **(Limit: 250 words)**

Section IV. Response Questions

Please respond to the following questions, highlighting your personal story and why you believe you should be the 2018 Texas Teacher of the Year. Please do not include external links. **(Please adhere to the formatting instructions provided above and the word limits indicated below.)**

1. Describe a lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage all students in the learning and how did that learning influence your students? How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in this lesson or unit? **(Limit: 750 words)**
2. Describe a project or initiative in which you have been involved that contributed to the improvement of overall school culture. What was your role, how did you involve others, and where is this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. **(Limit: 500 words)**
3. How do you ensure that education transcends the classroom? Describe specific ways in which you connect your students and the community. Please include evidence of student impact. **(Limit: 500 words)**
4. What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe why this is important to you, and how you are leading from your classroom. **(Limit: 500 words)**
5. As the 2018 Texas Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers and students. What is your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the public? **(Limit: 750 words)**