

**Year 2010
TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Candidate Application Form**

(Name of District)

(Region Service Center)

I. General Information and signatures

Nominee Name _____

Home Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Electronic Mail Address _____ School Web Site _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

School Profile (check one): Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural _____

Student enrollment: District _____ Building _____

Major Subject Area (if any) _____ Area of Certification _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____ Grade Level _____

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

Signature of Nominee _____

Principal Name _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Signature of Principal _____

District Superintendent Name _____

District Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Signature of Superintendent _____

A signed *copy* of this cover page must be at your ESC office by 5 p.m., June 12, 2009. It is acceptable to FAX the copy to the ESC office, to the attention of the ESC Teacher of the Year Coordinator. The final deadline for the full application to be received at your ESC office is 5 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2009. Do NOT FAX the final application.

II. Educational History and Professional Development (Limit: Two double-spaced pages)

- A. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities and post-graduate studies, with degrees earned and dates attended.
- B. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history, with time periods, grade levels and subject areas.
- C. Beginning with the most recent, list professional association memberships, offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with the most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition.

III. Professional Biography (Limit: Two double-spaced pages)

What are the background, people and events that persuaded you to become a teacher? Describe your most significant contributions and accomplishments in education.

IV. Community Involvement (Limit: One double-spaced page)

Describe service-oriented involvement, such as volunteer work, civic and other group activities.

V. Philosophy of Teaching (Limit: Two double-spaced pages)

Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

VI. Education Issues and Trends (Limit: Two double-spaced pages)

What do you consider to be the major issues in public education today? Address **one** in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

VII. The Teaching Profession (Limit: Two double-spaced pages)

What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?
What is or should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

VIII. State Teacher of the Year (Limit: One double-spaced pages)

As the 2009 National Teacher of the Year, you would become a spokesperson and representative of the profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the general public?