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**Region Service Center**

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**Elementary or Secondary**

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**District Name and ID number**

**2015 Candidate Application Form**

**I. General Information and signatures**

Nominee: First/Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s e-mail: work\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ personal:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City State Zip Code Telephone

School Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Campus ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Educator Certification Program Regular Alternative Area of Certification\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major Subject Area\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Teaching Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years in Present Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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: First/Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal’s e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone # (\_\_\_\_ )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent: First/Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent’s e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone # (\_\_\_\_ )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for the full application to be received at your ESC office is 5 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2014.**

\*\*10 point minimum font size. Please reference nomination rules for complete instructions\*\*

**ESC NOTE:** The **cover sheet** (page one of the application) is due at the ESC by **5 p.m. on** **May 30, 2014**. This two week lead time prior to the receipt of completed applications (June 13, 2014) allows contact time with TOY Contacts, districts, schools, and teachers that may be having problems or issues with the application process.

**NOTE:** For contact purposes, it would be helpful if the principal would provide a **personal (at-home) e-mail address** should contact need to be made during the summer months. Home E-Mail: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**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 page)**

 As the 2014 Texas 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?