



OFFICE OF EDUCATOR QUALITY

Missouri Teacher of the Year Program

April 13, 2015

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Missouri Department
of Elementary and Secondary Education

HISTORICAL DATA

- (1997 to 2015) **156** Districts have participated in the program
- (1997 to 2015) **44** (avg.) districts have participated annually
- (1957-Present), **46** State Teachers of the Year representing **32** school districts
- (1972 – Present), Missouri has had a consistent annual program
- (1957 – Present) **2** National Teachers of the Year
 - 1957 Mary Field Schwartz, Kansas City
 - 1980 Erly Bimes, Hazelwood

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS

1997-2015 MISSOURI STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS

DISTRICTS

Aftton 101	Doniphan R-1	Henry Co R-1	Maplewood-Richmond Heights	Parkway C-2	Spokane R-VII
Arcadia Valley R-II	East Newton R-VI	Hickman Mills C-1	Marceline R-V	Pattonville R-III	Springfield Public
Archie R-V	El Dorado Springs	Higbee R-VIII	Maries Co. R-II	Platte Co R-3	St. Charles R-VI
Aurora R-VIII	Eldon R-I	Hillman Mills C-1	Marshall Public Schools	Pleasant Hill R-III	St. Clair R-XIII
Bayless	Excelsior Springs	Hillsboro R-III	Maryville R-II	Poplar Bluff R-I	St. Genevieve Co. R-II
Belton	Fairfax R-III	Houston R-I	Maysville R-I	Potosi R-3	St. Joseph
Bevier C-4	Fairview	Independence 30	McDonald Co. R-1	Putnam Co. R-I	St. Louis Public
Billings R-IV	Fairview	Iron Co. C-4	Mehlville R-IX	Raymore-Peculiar R-II	Ste. Genevieve Co. R-II
Blue Springs R-IV	Ferguson-Florissant	Jefferson City	Meramec Valley R-III	Raytown C-2	Stockton R-I
Bolivar R-I	Fordland R-III	Jennings	Midway R-I	Ritenour	Taneyville R-II
Bowling Green R-I	Fort Osage R-1	Joplin R-VIII	Missouri School for the Blind	Riverview Gardens	Trenton R-9
Buchanan Co. R-IV	Fox C-6	Kansas City	Moberly Public	Rockwood R-VI	Union R-XI
Bucklin R-2	Fr. Zumwalt	Kennett Public	Mountain Grove R-III	Rolla 31	University City
Camdenton R-III	Francis Howell R-II	Kirksville R-III	Mt. Vernon	Salisbury R-IV	Valley Park
Cape Girardeau	Ft. Zumwalt	Kirkwood R-VII	Nevada R-5	Savannah R-III	Van-Far R-1
Carl Junction R-1	Ft. Zumwalt R-II	Ladue	Nixa R-II	School of the Osage R-II	Warsaw R-IX
Carthage R-IX	Fulton 58	Lafayette Co. C-1	Normandy	Scotland Co. R-I	Washington
Center School District	Gainesville R-V	Laquey R-V	North Callaway R-1	Sedalia	Waynesville R-VI
Centralia R-6	Gasconade County R-II	Laredo R-VII	North Kansas City	Shelby Co. R-IV	Wentzville R-IV
Chillicothe R-II	Grain Valley R-V	Lebanon R-3	North St. Francois Co. R-1	Sikeston R-VI	West Plains R-VII
Clinton	Grandview C-4	Lee's Summit	Northwest R-I	Smithville R-II	Wheaton R-III
Cole County R-II	Grandview CSD	Lexington R-V	Oak Grove R-VI	South Callaway R-II	Willard R-2
Columbia 93	Hancock Place	Liberty 53	Odessa R-VII	Southern Boone Co. R-I	Worth County R-II
Crawford Co. R-II	Harrisonville R-IX	Licking R-VIII	Osage Co.	Southwest R-V	Wright City R-II
Crystal City 47	Hartsville R-2	Lindbergh	Park Hill	Special School District	
Dallas Co. R-I	Hazelwood	Macon			



PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS

Missouri State Teachers of the Year Since 1957				
Representing 32 School Districts				
DISTRICTS				
Affton	1 Hickman Mills	1 Lindbergh	1 Savannah	1
Blue Springs	1 Independence	1 Mehlville	1 School of the Osage	1
Cape Girardeau	2 Jasper	1 Neosho	1 Smithville	1
Columbia	2 Jefferson City	2 North St. Francis Co.	1 St. James	1
Cooter	1 Kansas City	1 Parkway	1 St. Joseph	3
Dexter	1 Kirkwood	4 Pattonville	2 St. Louis	1
Fort Osage	1 Lee's Summit	3 Poplar Bluff	1 St. Peters	1
Hazelwood	3 Liberty	1 Rockwood	1 University City	1



NEW FOR 2016-2017!

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- ADDITION OF REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM
 - Program goals
 - Recognize exemplary teachers from diverse educational communities (i.e. urban, suburban, rural)
 - Provide a structure and protocol for identifying and recognizing exemplary performance statewide
 - Program benefits
 - Allows for greater participation by districts and charter schools
 - Promotes a positive image of education through greater public awareness
 - Identifies a pool of highly effective teachers in each region
 - Rewards and honors more teachers and teaching



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- **2 Routes to Missouri State Teacher of the Year**
 - **Route 1:**



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- **2 Routes to Missouri State Teacher of the Year**
 - Route 2:



TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM TIMELINE (EXAMPLE)

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- January 1, 2016: Nomination form for Regional Teacher of the Year will be available on DESE's website
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- April 15, 2016: Nomination period closes.
- May 13, 2016: Teacher of Year Application Clinic
- June 15, 2016: 2016 Missouri Regional Teacher(s) of the Year Applications are due.
- June 16 – July 17, 2016: 2016 Missouri Regional Teacher(s) of the Year are selected.
- July 31, 2016: Missouri State Teacher of the Year Application date closes.



REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM



Missouri Regional
Teacher of the Year
Nomination Form

2016-2017

Eligibility Requirements: The nominee must be a certified full-time public, including charter school, classroom teacher, grades Pre-K through 12, career and technical educator, guidance counselor, library media specialist, or hold a similar position and is actively engaged in classroom teaching. School personnel whose major responsibility is administrative or supervisory is ineligible.

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 July 31, 2016: Missouri State Teacher of the Year Application date closes. Completed applications must be postmarked (regular mail) and also emailed (electronic copy) by 5:00 p.m.

I would like to nominate... *(complete all fields)*

Educator's Name:	<input type="text"/>	School Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Name of School District or Charter School:	<input type="text"/>	School Name:	<input type="text"/>
School Street Address:	<input type="text"/>	City, State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Major Subject Taught:	<input type="text"/>	Grade Level:	<input type="text"/>

In 300 words or less, explain why you believe the educator you are nominating should be the Regional Teacher of the Year, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the teacher's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the teaching profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff.

NOMINATOR *(COMPLETE ALL FIELDS)*

Your Full Name:	<input type="text"/>	Daytime Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>
Street Address:	<input type="text"/>	City, State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>		

- Indicate how you know the Nominee:
- I teach in the same building or district.
 - I am a student or former student of the nominee.
 - I am a parent/grandparent/custodial parent of a student in the nominee's classroom (present or past).
 - I have worked with the nominee in community organizations or functions.
 - I am the nominee's supervisor (principal, superintendent, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, etc.)
 - I serve as a member of the district Board of Education.
 - I am a neighbor or friend but do not work with the nominee.
 - Other



REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Announcing the

2016-2017

*Mississippi Regional
Teacher of the Year
Program*



Application Information

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY
May 31, 2016

INCLUDES:

- Rules for candidates
- Description for submitting application

**Mississippi
Department of
Education**

**Mississippi
Teacher of the Year
Program**



THE MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM IS A HONORARY AWARD FOR THE BEST TEACHER IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. THE PROGRAM IS A PART OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S (MDE) COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a full-time classroom teacher in a public school in Mississippi.
- Must have been employed in the state of Mississippi for at least one year.
- Must be a member of the National Education Association (NEA) or the American Education Union (AEU).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Teachers are invited to submit an application packet to the Mississippi Regional Teacher of the Year Program. The application packet should include a letter of nomination, a letter of support, and a video recording of the teacher in the classroom. The application packet should be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Education by the deadline date.

AWARD CEREMONY:

The award ceremony will be held in May 2016 at the Mississippi Department of Education. The award ceremony will be a special event that will celebrate the achievements of the winning teacher and the support of the community.



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Applications must include all of the following:

- I. Application cover page (see page 4)
- II. Resume (list most-recent activities first -two page limit)
 - A. Colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned, dates of attendance and specify if it was a traditional or alternative route teacher training program;
 - B. Teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject areas; C. Professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities;
 - C. Staff development leadership activities and other leadership activities; and
 - D. Awards and other recognitions of your teaching.



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- III. Professional biography (two page limit)
 - A. What factors influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions to and accomplishments in education. Please include any compelling information.
- IV. Philosophy of teaching (two pages)
 - A. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?
- V. Student Success (two pages)
 - A. Describe how your teaching practices demonstrate a strong ability to foster excellence in education through improved student learning. (Consider: Assessment methods, use of data, differentiation, engagement, etc.)
 - B. Cite evidence of student academic growth as a result of your classroom practices.



REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

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- Recognize 32 Regional Teachers of the Year statewide
 - Northwest and Northeast – 1 Regional Teacher of the Year per region
 - South Central, Central, Southwest Center and Southeast – 2 Regional Teachers of the Year per region
 - Heart of Missouri and Southwest RPDC – 3 Regional Teachers of the Year per region
 - Kansas City – 6 Regional Teachers of the Year
 - St. Louis – 10 Regional Teachers of the Year



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- Regional Teachers of the Year will each receive \$250 cash award
- Regional Teachers of the Year will each receive a plaque and Regional Teacher of the Year name tag
- Regional Teachers of the Year and their spouse or significant other, their principal, superintendent and School Board President will be invited to the Teacher of the Year banquet
- Regional Teachers of the Year may apply for the Missouri State Teacher of the Year award

