

Announcing the

2017-2018

*Missouri Regional  
Teacher of the Year  
Program*



Application Information

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

**June 15, 2017**

INCLUDES:

- Rules for candidates
- Directions for submitting application



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The Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year Program is affiliated with the Missouri State Teacher of the Year Program that is conducted annually by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This Regional Teacher of the Year program is designed to focus public attention on excellence in teaching and to honor classroom teachers.

### Who is Eligible?

Candidates must be certified, full-time public or charter school educators. All Pre-K through 12 classroom teachers, career technical educators, school counselors and library media specialists (or holding a similar position) who are actively engaged in classroom teaching are eligible for this recognition.

A candidate must be a dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled educator in any state-approved or accredited school who is planning to continue in an active teaching status. The Regional Teacher of the Year candidate has the respect and admiration of their colleagues and must

- inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and
- play an active role in the community, providing service and leadership.

### Nominating Procedures

Local nominating procedures vary. Teachers may be nominated at the building/district level if school districts have established site procedures for nominating candidates. For those districts that do not have site procedures in place, teachers may be nominated by parents, students, community members, colleagues or administrators.

### Selection Process

The regional selection committee is composed of individuals from the teacher organizations, administrator organizations and higher education. A representative from the Regional Service Center will serve as committee facilitator. The selection committee will review candidate applications and select the Regional Teacher(s) of the Year by July 17, 2017. The selection process may vary from region to region. Contact your Regional Service Center for additional information. Regional Teacher(s) of the Year are invited to apply for the Missouri State Teacher of the Year Program.

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**E**ach candidate for the Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year Program must submit application materials electronically to [linda.dooling@dese.mo.gov](mailto:linda.dooling@dese.mo.gov). Candidates must adhere to the guidelines listed below. Instructions for submitting your application can be found on the Missouri Teacher of the Year website. Signatures of the applicant, the applicant's principal and superintendent must be provided on the cover page of the application. Applicants not providing the required signatures will not be considered as candidates.

**Application Guidelines**

- Page margins: left margin – minimum 1 inch; right margin – minimum .75 (or 3/4) inch; top and bottom margins – minimum 1 inch
- Line spacing: minimum 1.5 spaces; double spacing recommended
- Font and print size: font – Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri or Cambria; minimum 10-point type
- Pages must be numbered beginning with the resume
- Limited to the designated number of words per question

Applications must include all of the following:

**I. Application cover page** (see page 4)

**II. Resume** (two-page limit)

- A.** Education
- B.** Certifications
- C.** Experience
- D.** Leadership
- E.** Awards and recognitions

**III. Essays** (word limits apply)

Respond to the following questions, highlighting your personal story and why you believe you should be 2017-2018 Regional Teacher of the Year.

- 1.** What factors influenced you to become a teacher? Identify what you consider to be your greatest contributions to and accomplishments in education. (750 words)
- 2.** 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? (750 words)
- 3.** 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 involve others, and where is this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. (500 words)

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Please type the required information (use the tab key to navigate) and save to your computer using the button above. Then, print this page and obtain signatures where indicated. After signatures are obtained, scan and save this page for emailing.

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Major subject area (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Total years of teaching experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in present position: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials may be shared with persons interested in promoting the Teacher of the Year Program.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students – building: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

District name: \_\_\_\_\_ County/District code: \_\_\_\_\_

District address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students – district: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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