

7th Annual Coconino County Teacher of the Year Application

The Coconino County Teacher of the Year event is a county-wide teacher recognition program that spotlights the contributions of state-accredited public and charter school teachers in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. The Teacher of the Year awards event recognizes three exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers and three exceptionally skilled and dedicated rookies of the year who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues. These teachers inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, and are dedicated and passionate about education. At the annual awards dinner, these exceptional teachers will be recognized. At the Coconino County Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet, we will honor the Teacher of the Year and the Rookie of the Year. Additionally, we will honor the Ambassadors for Excellence and the Rookie Ambassadors for Excellence.

Candidates fill out the application which is reviewed by a panel of five judges comprised of educators, business, and community leaders. Using an application rubric, the judges will determine the top five candidates to be interviewed in early March 2019. After the interviews, the judges will choose the three finalists. All interviewed candidates will be contacted and three will be notified of their finalist status. Finalists will then be asked to do a three minute video biography which will be shown at the 2019 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony.

The 2019 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019** at the **High Country Conference Center located at 201 West Butler Ave. in Flagstaff.**

There are nine sections required to apply for the Teacher of the Year award; however, prior to completing the application and additional information, certain eligibility requirements must be met. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact Annie Terhaar at (928) 679-8070 or email at aterhaar@coconino.az.gov

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Teacher of the Year Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Coconino County Teacher of the Year, you must...

- Spend a majority (over 50%) of the school day in direct instruction to students;
- Have a valid Arizona teacher certification;
- Have completed at least four (4) full years as a classroom teacher at the time the application is submitted for consideration;
- Teach any grade(s) or combination of grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 in a state-accredited traditional district or charter public school in Coconino County;
- Be a full-time teacher and plan to continue in an active teaching status through the end of 2018-2019 school year.

Application Instructions

- Observe page limits and spacing; use easy-to-read and no smaller than 10-point font consistently throughout.
- Number the sections and pages; “Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form” should be page 1.
- Head each of the sections 2—8 for TOY of the application with the corresponding page numbers and **bolded title** only. Delete the explanation and criteria after the **title** and insert your responses.
- Mail or deliver the original application packet stapled (not bound), printed on white paper to the address on the Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form.
Packet includes: **(1)** signed Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form as Page 1; **(2)** responses to sections 2—8; **(3)** 3 signed, one-page letters of support.
- Please do not include additional materials.
- The original signed application packet must be received in the Superintendent of School’s Office by **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

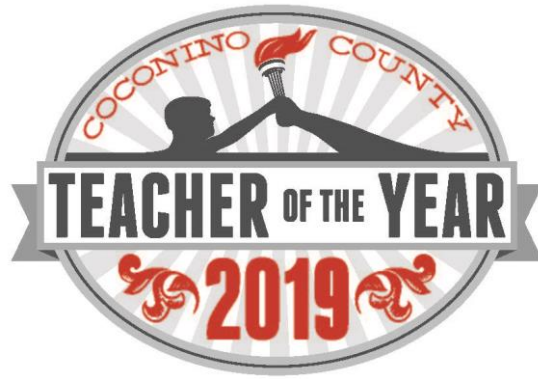
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Teacher of the Year

Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form

This signed form will be page 1 of your original application packet.

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| Applicant's Name _____ |
| Home Address _____ |
| City _____ Zip _____ Cell # (____) _____ |
| E-Mail (personal) _____ |
| School District/Charter Holder _____ |
| School _____ |
| School Address _____ |
| City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ |
| Major Subject Area (if any) _____ Grade Level(s) _____ |
| Total Years Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____ |
| Arizona Teacher Certification Number _____ |

Promotion Permission

I, _____, hereby give my permission for any/all of the completed documents in my application packet, future photographs, and any other TOY related documents/information to be shared with interested parties for event promotional purposes. I certify that I personally completed this application and that all of the information found within is truthful.

Applicant Signature

Date

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1. Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form

2. Educational History and Professional Development Activities (2 double-spaced typed pages; bullet list acceptable) – 10 points

- Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area.
- Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

Criteria for scoring

The teacher possesses a strong academic background appropriate to the grade level and subject(s) s/he teaches. The teacher is an active leader in education through professional development and training activities with current and future teachers. The teacher's involvement in associations, task forces, publications, etc. indicates that s/he is a strong advocate for education. The teacher has received other recognition or awards that illustrate that s/he is highly regarded in the field.

3. Professional Biography (2 double-spaced typed pages) – 10 points

What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

Criteria for scoring

The teacher clearly states factors which influenced him/her to become a teacher. The teacher describes contributions and accomplishments in education in and out of the classroom.

4. Community Involvement (1 double-spaced typed page) – 5 points

Describe your commitment to your community and give examples of how you bring the community into your classroom through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities.

Criteria for scoring

The (classroom) examples given are clear and convincing evidence stressing the importance of service-oriented activities and community involvement.

5. Philosophy of Teaching (2 double-spaced typed pages) – 10 points

- 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?

Criteria for scoring

The teacher has a strong and coherent philosophy of education. The examples given are clear and convincing evidence of how the philosophy is demonstrated in the classroom. The teacher's instructional approach is worthy of sharing with other teachers.

6. Education Issues and Trends (2 double-spaced typed pages) – 10 points

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

Criteria for scoring

The teacher describes current issues facing education today. The teacher's outline indicates a logically developed and persuasive resolution to the issue chosen.

7. The Teaching Profession (2 double-spaced typed pages) – 10 points

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

Criteria for scoring

The examples given are clear and convincing evidence of what s/he does to strengthen and improve the profession. Teacher clearly describes an accountability basis for the profession, either in use or proposed.

8. Teacher of the Year Message (1 double-spaced typed page) – 5 points

As the 2019 Arizona or National Teacher of the year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What message would you communicate to others in your profession and to the general public?

Criteria for scoring

The teacher presents a concise and compelling message which is appropriate for others in the teaching profession and the general public.

9. Letters of Support (limit 3 signed letters, each a maximum of 1 page) – 10 points

Include **3 signed** one-page letters of support as follows:

- One from your superintendent, principal or other administrator;
- One from a colleague/coworker; and
- One from a student or former student, parent, civic or community leader.

NOTE: Prefer letter from current (if applicable) superintendent, principal, or administrator, but **must** include evidence of your effectiveness in the classroom, i.e. assessment data, anecdotes, etc.

Criteria for scoring

The three, one-page letters must be signed and should provide evidence of and address the teacher's effectiveness and leadership abilities.

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Overall Assessment of Application – 5 points

Areas of consideration: **Appearance, content, grammar, readability, spelling, and organization.**
Refer to “Application Instructions”.

Checklist

- _____ 1. I, along with my principal and district administrators, understand that if chosen as the CCTOY or an Ambassador, it is imperative that I act as a role model to promote excellence in the teaching profession.
- _____ 2. All materials have been carefully checked and proofread.
- _____ 3. All responses are within the page/font/margin limitations.
- _____ 4. Original application packet is printed on white paper; no cover, binder, or portfolio has been used, and it is only stapled.
- _____ 5. No additional materials are included, but those requested for submittal in the original application packet.
- _____ 6. Original application packet includes **all** of the following in this order:
 - _____ Signed Candidate Information / Promotion Permission Form
 - _____ Responses to sections 2 – 9
 - _____ 3 signed letters of support (not to exceed one-page each)
- _____ 7. The original signed application packet is complete and will be submitted in person or **received by** mail by **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** to:

Application Deadline

Applications must be **received by** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Mail or deliver original application packet to:

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