

# Teacher of the Year FAQs:

## 1. How do I nominate a teacher in my state for Teacher of the Year?

Each state lists its own Teacher of the Year procedures on their Department of Education website. Search for your specific state's DOE then search for Teacher of the Year.

## 2. What do I have to do to be nominated for Teacher of the Year?

Each state has their own criteria, and many include an application, screening/interviews, and essays.

## 3. Is there a National Teacher of the Year?

Each state, plus American Samoa, Guam, D.C., Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Department of Defense Education Activity are eligible to select and submit teacher nominations.

Use this [interactive map](#) to find information about your state's criteria.

The program was created to honor excellence in teaching and began in 1952 by the CCSSO-Council of Chief State School Officers.

To learn more, [click here](#).

## 4. What happens if I win in my state?

It depends on your state. Most teachers receive a monetary award and continue to receive their salaries during their Year of Service. The Year of Service provides the opportunity to represent teachers at speaking and other engagements across your state, and/or the nation.

## 5. What happens if I win the National Teacher of the Year Award?

The winner is selected by a national selection committee and is introduced by the president to the citizens of the U.S. The National Teacher of the Year (NTOY) spends one-year traveling both nationally and internationally as an advocate for teachers. NTOYs are often asked for their guidance in creating educational policy.

To make a speaking request for the National Teacher of the Year, please [click here](#).

## 6. What teachers have won in the past and what did they teach?

The list of winners includes teachers who have taught Special Education, English, chemistry, math, physics, music, or are listed as grade teachers (4th grade, 1st grade, Kindergarten, etc.).

For a list of previous National Teacher of the Year award recipients, please [click here](#).