

2024 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Application Guidelines

The 2024 Arkansas Teacher of the Year application is comprised of the sections below. Before accessing the online Google application, please prepare the required components. Applications will only be saved when submitted.

Section 1: Directions and Acknowledgements

Acknowledgement Question 1

Have you been selected as your District Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year?

Acknowledgement Question 2

I am aware that this application must be received by the Arkansas Department of Education no later than noon June 6, 2023, and that applications and supplemental documents received after that date and time will not be considered.

Section 2: General Information

Candidate's Last Name

Candidate's First Name

Candidate's Preferred Name

Candidate's Home Address

Candidate's Personal E-mail Address

Candidate's Cell Phone Number

School Name

School Address

School Phone Number

School Email Address

Primary Subject Area(s) the Candidate Teaches

Grade Level(s) the Candidate Teaches

Total Years of Teaching Experience

Years in Current Position

School Profile: Urban, Suburban, and Rural

Public School Type: Traditional Public School, Public Charter School

Number of Students in Candidate's Building

Principal's Name

Principal's Email Address

Principal's Phone Number

School District Name

Number of Students in District

Superintendent's Name

Superintendent's Email Address

Superintendent's Phone Number

Education Service Co-op
Candidate's Twitter Profile
Candidate's Facebook Profile
Candidate's Instagram Profile
Candidate's Personal Blog Site
Candidate's Personal Website
Other Social Media Sites Candidate Uses
Languages Candidate Speaks
Candidates Professional Association Memberships
Is the candidate a National Board Certified Teacher?

Section 3: Professional Biography and Resume

Professional Biography in Third Person (maximum 250 words)

Resume:

The candidate's resume must include the following: Education, Certification, Experience, Leadership, Awards/Recognitions, Community Involvement, and Professional Organizations. They must be no more than two pages, have one-inch margins, and use a font of at least 10 points. Please name this file using the following designation: Candidate Last Name, Resume. The resume will be uploaded into the online Google application.

Section 4: Response Questions

1. Describe a lesson or unit you created that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage all students, and how did that learning influence your students? What worked well? What did not? (maximum 500 words)
2. Please upload evidence of student growth and learning. Provide up to three documents of evidence plus a one-page typed explanation of the student growth evidence submitted (PDF format). Examples of evidence include but are not limited to the following: ACT Aspire results, NWEA and STAR reading scores, attendance, etc. Do NOT include student-identifiable data.
3. Teacher leaders affect student outcomes and make an impact beyond their own classrooms. Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in that improved student learning. What was your role, how did you involve others, and what is the status of the project today? Please explain the ongoing impact of the project and include evidence of student impact. (maximum 500 words)
4. How will you implement the LEARNS legislation into your classroom practice? What positive impact do you expect LEARNS to have for Arkansas students? (maximum 750 words)
5. As the 2024 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, you serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers. If selected, please describe your proposed platform and how it relates to the Arkansas LEARNS law. What will you communicate to your

profession and to the public? Please include a personal narrative that reveals why this platform is important to you. (maximum 500 words)

Section 5: Video, Letters, Photo, and Forms

Video: A video is an opportunity for candidates to showcase their passion for education. The video should be less than three minutes and follow the guidelines below. Points will be deducted for videos that exceed the three-minute time limit.

- The video should focus on your biggest impact on student learning.
- The video should not include additional participants or a presentation.
- Cameras such as digital cameras, camcorders, cell phones, etc. can be used to film the video. Please keep the following in mind.
 - Keep the camera stationary and focused on the teacher.
 - Film in landscape (horizontal) mode, not in vertical mode.
 - A high-quality video is preferred.
 - An external microphone enhances the audio quality but is not required.
 - Do not edit the video in anyway. The submission must be continuous and unedited. If your recording appears to have been edited, the entire application will not be scored.
- Upload the video to a personal Google Drive and provide a viewable and downloadable link in the Google application. The candidate may also work with the school and/or district's technology representative for assistance with recording.

Letters: Three letters of recommendation, no more than one page each, must be uploaded to the Google application. The letters should be directed to the National Teacher of the Year Program, as they will be used for the winner's national application. One letter of recommendation must be from the candidate's supervisor; the other letters may be from colleagues, former principals, parents, students, or civic or community leaders. Letters should provide specific examples of the candidate's contributions to his/her school and district. No more than three recommendation letters will be accepted. Please name these files as follows: Candidate Last Name, Letter of Recommendation 1, Candidate Last Name, Letter of Recommendation 2, and Candidate Last Name, Letter of Recommendation 3. The three letters of recommendation will be uploaded into the online application.

Photo: A professional headshot of the candidate must be uploaded to the Google application and must be a JPEG file, 1000x1025 pixel minimum. Please name this file as follows: Candidate Last Name, Headshot.

2024 Candidacy Approval Form (PDF form)

Photo Release Form (PDF form)

Note about follow-up email with W-9

Signature of Completion