



2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year

General Information

Since 1956, Nevada has participated in the Teacher of the Year program to recognize outstanding educators in our state. The program is facilitated nationally by the Council of Chief State School Officers. Along with its sponsors, CCSSO brings together State Teachers of the Year from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Washington, DC, and the Department of Defense Education Activity.

The mission of the Nevada Teacher of the Year program is to celebrate excellence and strengthen the teaching force by honoring and recognizing exceptional teachers on a school, district, state, and national level. Being named Nevada Teacher of the Year is not only an award, but also an honor - one that comes with an enormous responsibility: that of representing the entire profession in Nevada.

The 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year will make connections with schools, colleges, universities, organizations related to education, the legislature, and stakeholders around the state to elevate teachers, classrooms, and the teaching profession. They are an educational leader, a mentor, and an ambassador. As a spokesperson for Nevada's roughly 21,000 educators, the Teacher of the Year is resource on the state of education in Nevada.

The 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year may also serve for one year as a Teacher Leader in Residence with the Nevada Department of Education. In that role he/she will be a co-facilitator of the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Cabinet (STAC). **The option to serve as the Teacher Leader in Residence is dependent upon funding from the 2019 Legislative Session and is subject to an agreement with the teacher's district.**

Eligible Applicants

Current classroom teachers holding a valid, continuing license for pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

Application Timeline

Nominations and Application Open:	February 21, 2020
Application Closes 5:00 pm:	March 27, 2020
Phone Screenings & Interviews:	March 31, 2020 - April 10, 2020
2021 NV TOY Announced:	May 2020

Required Documents

- Information page
- Signature page
- Written responses
- 3 Letters of reference
- Copy of last evaluation

Please submit application electronically and direct questions to:

KellyLynn Charles; NV Teacher of the Year Coordinator
Nevada Department of Education
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702.668.4330

(Information and Signatures, continued)
2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year Events

By signing below, I

- acknowledge that if selected as the 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year, I may be granted the option to serve as the Teacher Leader in Residence during my year of recognition dependent upon funding from the 2019 Legislative Session and subject to an agreement with my school district,
- give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, telephone, and DOB) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the National Teacher of the Year Program,
- understand that should I be selected as Nevada’s 2021 Teacher of the Year, my year of recognition begins October 2020,
- understand that should I be selected as Nevada’s Teacher of the Year, my duties may involve in-state travel to schools and districts,
- understand that I will be required to attend the listed out-of-state events in addition to any in-state duties. I understand the travel commitment associated with each event and that I may be responsible for some up-front out of pocket expenditures for which I can be reimbursed,

February 2021:	NTOY Program Induction Ceremony (San Jose, CA)
May 2021:	Washington Recognition Week (Washington, D.C.)
June 2021:	ECS National Forum on Education Policy (Optional)
July 2021:	Space Camp (Montgomery, AL) (Optional)
October 2021:	Next Steps Conference (Princeton, NJ)

- Please indicate the dates and times you are available for a phone screening and interview using the link below. (Note: Not all candidates may be interviewed. Interviews may be conducted in person or via video.)

- [Phone Screening and Interview Dates Survey Link](#)

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Written Responses

Please complete the following written sections of the application.

Educational History and Professional Development Activities

(maximum two (2) double-spaced pages)

Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.

Beginning with most recent, list certifications indicating time period, grade level and subject area (if applicable).

Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.

Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activities and leadership activities in the training of future teachers.

Beginning with the most recent, list awards received and other recognitions of your teaching.

Educational Philosophy

(maximum 750 words)

Describe how you achieve excellence, guiding students of **all** backgrounds and abilities to be successful. In your response, include specific examples of how you achieve your vision, inclusive of work within and outside of the classroom/school.

Teacher Leadership

(maximum 500 words)

To what extent have you served in the role as a teacher leader? Describe your thoughts on teacher leadership and what role(s) teacher leadership can/should play in improving education in Nevada. Cite examples of how you demonstrate leadership and innovation, as well as engage with various stakeholders to create a culture of success.

Vision and Impact

(maximum 500 words per response)

What is your vision for elevating the teaching profession in Nevada? How will you use your time as the 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year to achieve this? Describe the skills/knowledge/dispositions which would qualify you for this role. Explain how each would contribute to making a significant impact in Nevada.

Education Issues and Trends

(maximum 500 words)

What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe why this is important to you, and how you are leading from your classroom.

National Teacher of the Year

(maximum 750 words)

If selected as the 2021 National Teacher of the Year, you serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers and students. If selected, what is your message? What will you communicate to your profession and to the public?

Letters of Support

(limit of three (3) letters; each a MAXIMUM of ONE (1) PAGE)

Attach three (3) signed Letters of Recommendation that support why you should be the 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year. Recommendations must be from a current supervisor, a colleague, and a parent or student. Each letter may not exceed one page in length.

Evaluation

Please attach a copy of your most recent performance evaluation.

Please submit your completed application electronically to:

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All applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2020.

