

The 2018 Connecticut Teacher of the Year application must be completed and submitted online at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/toy>.

[Applications are due Wednesday, August 2, 2017 by 11:59 p.m.](#)

Components of the 2018 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Application:

1. Educational History and Professional Learning Activities

Using the space provided below please record your educational history and professional development activities (single spaced, bulleted format)

- A. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended, including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history, including dates, grade levels and subject areas.
- C. Beginning with the most recent, list professional association memberships, including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with the most recent, list professional development activities you have *designed, facilitated, or presented*.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

2. Professional Biography

Using the space provided below please record your professional biography. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. (maximum 500 words)

3. Philosophy of Teaching

How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style? How do you engage all students in learning, and in what ways does your teaching influence students? (maximum 750 words)

4. Impact on School Culture

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. (maximum 500 words)

5. Impact on Community

How do you ensure that your teaching has an impact beyond the classroom? Describe specific ways in which you connect students and teachers to the broader community. Please include evidence of student impact. (maximum 500 words)

6. Education Issues and Trends

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. (maximum 500 words)

7. Teacher of the Year Message

As the 2018 National Teacher of the Year, you serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers and students. What is your message? What will you communicate to your profession and to the public? (maximum 750 words)