

2021 CT TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION LANGUAGE

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

Describe a content lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage students of all backgrounds and abilities in the learning? How did that learning influence your students? How are your beliefs about teaching evident in your personal teaching style and demonstrated in this lesson or unit? (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 collaborate with others, and what is the status is this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. (maximum 500 words)

5. Impact on Community

How do you ensure that education transcends the classroom? Describe specific ways in which you deliberately connect your students with the 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 how you demonstrate being a lifelong learner, leader, and innovator about this issue, both in and outside of the classroom walls. (maximum 500 words)

7. Teacher of the Year Message

As the 2021 Connecticut 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)