

## 2027 CT TOY Application Questions

### **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.

### **Philosophy of Teaching**

Reflect on how you've grown as a teaching professional. Describe how your approach to teaching has evolved and the impact this has had on students.

(maximum 500 words)

### **Professional Practice**

In what ways do you provide learning opportunities for all students of diverse backgrounds and abilities? How have such learning opportunities influenced and supported your students in their growth?

(maximum 500 words)

### **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 of this project today? Please include evidence of student impact.

(maximum 500 words)

### **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)

### **Education Issues and Trends**

What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe how you demonstrate being a lifelong learner and leader about this issue, both inside and outside of the classroom walls.

(maximum 750 words)

### **Teacher of the Year Message**

As the 2026 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 fellow educators, stakeholders, and the public?

(maximum 500 words)