



# National Teacher of the Year Program

## 2013 Candidate Application

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**!!!PLEASE NOTE!!!**

**Instructions** for completing the 2013 National Teacher of the Year Application form:

- Please provide **all** information requested in the application form.
- Signatures of the candidate, the candidate's principal, the candidate's district superintendent (chief school administrator), and the State Teacher of the Year Coordinator must be provided.
- Please limit your answers to the number of pages requested in each section – **type size no smaller than 10 pt**. In order to provide all applicants with an equal opportunity **only the number of pages requested will be accepted**. Any additional pages and/or materials submitted, such as decorative binders and classroom photographs/art, will NOT be presented to the National Selection Committee
- Each application must include **one photograph** suitable for publicity purposes (5" x 7" color, head shot preferred).
- **Section I (pages 1-2) must be submitted on the form provided!** Sections II – VIII may be produced using your word processing system but please adhere to the format established in the application. **Number the sections and the pages**. However it is accomplished, what should result is a clean, clear copy suitable for easy duplication and placement in a three-ring binder with the other state applications..
- The application package for the 2013 State Teacher of the Year must be at the following address by the close of business on Friday, September 16, 2011:

**Betty Torbert, State Coordinator**  
**Department of Education**  
**401 Federal Street, Suite 2**  
**Townsend Building**  
**Dover, DE 19901**  
**302-735-4035 302-739-4654 FAX**  
**email: [btorbert@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:btorbert@doe.k12.de.us)**

- The 2013 National Teacher of the Year application package, accompanied by a signed cover letter from the Chief State School Officer specifying that the applicant is the State's official candidate for 2013 National Teacher of the Year, must be submitted by the State Teacher of the Year Coordinator.
- The application package must arrive at the following address **NO LATER THAN** the close of business on **Thursday, November 8, 2012:**

**National Teacher of the Year Program**  
**Council of Chief State School Officers**  
**One Massachusetts Avenue, NW**  
**Suite 700**  
**Washington, DC 20001-1431**

**2013 NATIONAL  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
APPLICATION FORM**

Delaware  
(STATE)

**I. General Information/Signatures**

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
City State Zip Code Telephone

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
City State Zip Code Telephone

School Profile (check one):  Urban  Suburban  Rural

Number of Students in Nominee's: District \_\_\_\_\_ Building \_\_\_\_\_

Major Subject Area (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, telephone, SS# and DOB) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the National Teacher of the Year Program. I also acknowledge that if selected as the 2013 National Teacher of the Year I will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of my recognition in order to fulfill the obligations inherent in the honor.

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Section I. continued – General Information/Signatures)**

**SCHOOL/BUILDING PRINCIPAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2013 National Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

Signature of School Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2013 National Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

Signature of District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Name Betty Torbert Title State Coordinator

Agency Delaware Department of Education

Address 401 Federal Street, Suite 2

Dover Delaware 19901 (302) 735-4035  
City State Zip Code Telephone

Coordinator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities – (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

**(Section II. continued – Education History and Professional Development Activities)**

**III. Professional Biography** – (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

**(Section III. Continued – Professional Biography)**

**IV. Community Involvement** – (one double-spaced page)

- A. Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities and other group activities

**V. Philosophy of Teaching** – (two double-spaced pages)

- A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
- B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

**(Section V. continued - Philosophy of Teaching)**

**VI. Education Issues and Trends** – (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What do you consider to be the major public education issues today?  
Address **one** in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

**(Section VI. Continued – Education Issues and Trends)**

**VII. The Teaching Profession** – (two double-spaced pages)

A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?

B. What is and/or what should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

**(Section VII. Continued – The Teaching Profession)**

**VIII. National Teacher of the Year** – (one double-spaced page)

- A. As the 2013 National Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the general public?

**IX. Letters of Support – (limit of ten letters, each a maximum of one page)**

Include ten letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader.

**X. Publicity Photograph**

Include with the application package one photograph suitable for publicity purposes. A five inch by seven inch head shot in color is preferred.

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