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Awards of Excellence Program

Nebraska Teacher of the Year

The program serves to recognize the contributions of the classroom teacher.

Candidates must be:

- expert in their field who advances growth for students of all backgrounds and abilities
 - builds collaborative relationships with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture of equity and success
 - deliberately connects the classroom to community to impact student growth and learning
 - as a lifelong learner and teacher leader, they utilize innovation to create learning experiences within and beyond the classroom
 - expresses themselves in an engaging and clear way, conveying the lived classroom experience to a variety of audiences
- 2023 Teacher of the Year Application - **Part A** and **Part B** packets are available from principals, superintendents and the Nebraska Department of Education.
 - Individuals interested in nominating a teacher will complete and submit a nomination form. The teacher will receive the 2023 Teacher of the Year Application - Part A and Part B packet to be completed and submitted.
 - Candidates do not need to be nominated to complete the Application - Part A and Part B packet.
 - **Part A** includes candidate information, professional memberships, professional preparation and experience, authorizations, resume, letters of recommendation and essay questions.
 - **Part B** includes a written lesson plan, submission of a **YouTube classroom video*** and a public speaking video. ***The YouTube classroom video submission is postponed for 2023.**
 - Each candidate personally completes the **Part A** and **Part B** Application packet. Self-nominations are welcome.

Part A and **Part B** Application packets must be submitted or postmarked by **midnight (CDT) July 15, 2022.**

Submit completed **Part A** and **Part B** application packets to:

lora.sypal@nebraska.gov

OR

Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program
Nebraska Department of Education
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For additional background information about the Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program, please refer to the website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/toy/background-information/>