

# Application Deadline Extended to August 18, 2022

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## You Could Be Nebraska's Teacher of the Year for 2023!

Nebraska Teacher of the Year Applications - **Part A** and **Part B** forms for the 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year are available through your superintendent or principal or by calling the Coordinator listed below.

**Application Part A** includes - Candidate information, professional memberships, professional preparation and experiences, authorizations, resume, letters of recommendations, and essay questions.

Essay Questions seek information on highlighting the teacher's personal story, and why the teacher believes they should be the 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. Indicate evidence of student impact in responses to the the essay questions. A maximum of 750 words for each essay.

**Application Part B** includes - A public speaking video. The Nebraska Teacher of the Year Applications must be submitted or postmarked by **midnight (CDT), August 18, 2022**.

The Nebraska Application Review Panel examines all Part A and Part B applications submitted and selects up to five finalists. The finalists will be in the running for selection of 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. Finalists interviews for the selection of the 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be held **September 7-8, 2022**. Finalists and announcement of the 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be held in **mid-September 2022**. An awards recognition event will be held on **November 3, 2022**. The 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will serve state obligations November 2022 - November 2023.

The 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be in competition for the 2023 National Teacher of Year competition in September 26 - October 30, 2022.

The Nebraska Teacher of the Year will serve as a representative at National Teacher of the Year events as the 2023 Nebraska Teacher of the Year from January 2023 - January 2024.

Begun in 1972, the Nebraska Teacher of the Year program recognizes outstanding Nebraska certified teachers who teach in a pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 classroom setting, and who plan to continue in an active teacher status in a state-approved or accredited school.

### 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

### Teacher of the Year Program administered by Nebraska Department of Education

#### Program Sponsored by

- Nebraska State Board of Education
- Nebraska Association of School Boards
- Nebraska State Education Association
- SMART Technologies
- Dillard's Gateway Mall Lincoln
- BlueCross Blue Shield of Nebraska
- Nebraska Council of School Administrators
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)
- University of Nebraska
- Nebraska Corn Board

#### Community Partner KOLN/KGIN (Channel 10/11)

The Nebraska State Education Association, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Nebraska Association of School Boards, and corporate partner BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska will present a monetary award and sponsoring corporate friends will present gifts and mementoes to the Nebraska Teacher of the Year. Each of the remaining finalists will be given a monetary award or gifts and mementoes from sponsoring corporate friends and education associations. The Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program also receives support from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA); Channel 10/11, a community partner; and the Nebraska Corn Board.

### If you have need for additional information, please contact:

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