**Tennessee Teacher of the Year**

**2017-18 Application**

**Part 1 – *Building-level TOY winners complete Part 1 for the District-level competition. Submit electronically to your grade-level TOY coordinator before February 1st, 2017.***

**Basic Information**

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| Date: |
| Applicant Name: |
| Home Address: |
| Work Email Address: | Personal Email Address: |
| Cell Phone: | TN Educator License Number:  |

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| **School Information** |
| School Name: | Principal: |
| School Address: |
| School Phone: | School Fax: |
| Subject and Grade Level (currently teaching): |
| School Profile (underline one): Rural Urban Suburban |
| **District Information** |
| Director of Schools: | District: |
| District Address: |
| CORE Region:  |
| **I have…** |
| Years of Experience in Present Position: |
| Years of Total Teaching Experience:  |
| Years of Experience in TN Public Schools: |

**Professional Résumé**

Below, please list your professional resume as a bulleted list or separate line of text. Categories are as follows:

1. Education
2. Certifications and Endorsement Areas
3. Leadership Experience
4. Awards and Other Recognition
5. Community Leadership/Involvement
6. Professional Experience (Attach a professional resume, *not to exceed 2 pages*, to your application using the sample format below.)

Full Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Dates of Employment

Employer Name

City, State of Employer

Supervisor Name, Title

* List your job responsibilities using bullet points. Please limit to no more than (5) for each position.

**Response Questions**

1. Describe a lesson or teaching strategy that defines you as a teacher. How did that lesson or strategy engage all students in the learning process? How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in that lesson? Provide evidence to show that the lesson or strategy was successful. *Do not exceed 500 words.*
2. Explain how your teaching has resulted in high levels of growth and learning for all students in your classes (evidence may include any relevant data from teacher evaluation, effectiveness rating, teacher effect data, and/or other authentic assessment data. Examples include models, demonstrations, letters of evidence, test scores, portfolios). *Do not exceed 500 words.*
3. Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in. What was your role, and how did this contribute to the overall school culture? *Do not exceed 500 words.*

**STOP HERE!**

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT-LEVEL TEACHER OF THE YEAR!**

**Part 2 – *CORE-level finalists complete Part 2 for the state-level competition. Part 2 will be submitted electronically. Use this document to prepare your answers in advance. You can cut and paste your responses into the electronic application.***

**Response Questions**

1. What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe why this is important to you, and how you are addressing it from your classroom. *Do not exceed 500 words.*
2. The Tennessee Teacher of the Year serves as a spokesperson and representative for teachers and students across the state. If you are selected as the Tennessee Teacher of the Year, what will be your primary message? What will you communicate to your colleagues and to the general public? *Do not exceed 500 words.*

**Letters of Support**

Upload three recommendations/letters of support indicating your impact on student learning. One letter of support must be from your principal, who should cite any relevant data on student achievement and gains. The remaining two letters may be from any of the following: superintendent, administrator, colleague, current student, parent, or civic leader.

**Headshot**

Upload a professional headshot photo in the electronic application. JPEG format only.

**Signature Page**

The signature page is available to download from the electronic application. Once signatures are obtained, upload the form to the electronic application.