



## **Instructions for completing the 2016 State Teacher of the Year Application**

Please limit your answers to the number of pages requested in each section – font style should be **Arial** or **Times New Roman**; font size should be **10 point or 12 point**. **Margins cannot be less than one inch**. All pages should be **doubled spaced**. PDF format required.

Follow the specifications for maximum length allowed. Any additional pages and/or materials submitted will **NOT** be presented to the Selection Committee.

Each application must include one photograph, suitable for publicity purposes (5" x 7" color, head shot, a minimum of 630 x450 pixels).

Section I (pages 1-2) must be submitted on the form provided. Sections **II-IX** may be produced using your word processing system but please adhere to the format established in the application. Number the sections and the pages.

The application package must be submitted **NO LATER THAN** the close of business on **Friday, January 2, 2015**.

# I. Information

## Applicant School Information

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Name of Applicant

School District

School Name

School Address

School City

School State

School Zip Code

School Phone

Grade Level Teaching

Subject Teaching

Total Years Teaching Experience

Years in Current Position

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## Applicant Contact Information

Title

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Cell Number

Home E-mail

School E-mail

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Are you National Board Certification?

Yes

No



## Survey Information

The following questions are for data collection purposes.

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Did you participate in the Teacher Cadet program in high school?

Yes

No

Did you participate in the Troops to Teachers program?

Yes

No

Are you a certified South Carolina mentor?

Yes

No

Did you participate in the South Carolina Teaching Fellows program?

Yes

No

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I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address and home telephone number) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the State Teacher of the Year Program. I also acknowledge that if selected as the 2015-2016 State 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 honor.

**Signature of Candidate**

**Date**

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## Assurances

By entering the names below you agree that each person has reviewed your application and given approval for you to proceed with the teacher of the year process.

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### Building Principal

Name

School Name

School Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2015-2016 State Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

School Principal

Date

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### District Superintendent

Name

District Name

District Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2015-2016 State Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

District Superintendent

Date

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### District Teacher of the Year Coordinator

Phone Number

E-mail

**I acknowledge that the nominee submitting this application has met all criteria for selection as district teacher of the year and meets the criteria for 2015-2016 State Teacher of the Year.**

**District Coordinator**

**Date**

## II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

- A. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges/universities attended including post graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- 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 staff development leadership activity and leadership in the training for future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

**Please attach Educational History and Professional Development response.**

**(Max. two (2) double spaced pages )**

**Font:** Arial or Times New Roman, 10 or 12pt.

**Margins:** Cannot be less than one inch.

**Format:** PDF

### III. Professional Biography

What factors influenced you to become a teachers? Describe your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

**Please attach Professional Biography response.**

**(Max. two (2) double spaced pages )**

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## IV. Community Involvement

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

**Please attach Community Involvement response.**

**(Max. one (1) double spaced pages )**

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# V. Philosophy of Teaching

- A. Describe your beliefs about teaching, include your ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. What rewards do you find in teaching?
- B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

**Please attach Philosophy of Teaching response.**

**(Max. two (2) double spaced pages )**

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## VI. Education Issues and Trends

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

**Please attach Education Issues and Trends response.**

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## VII. The Teaching Profession

- 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?

**Please attach Teaching Profession response.**

**(Max. two (2) double spaced pages)**

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## VIII. State Teacher of the Year

The State Teacher of the Year serves as a spokesperson and representative for the statewide teacher profession. What would your message be? What would you communicate to your profession and to the public?

**Please attach State Teacher of the Year response.**

**(Max. one (1) double spaced page)**

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## IX. Student Achievement

Using student performance measurements, please describe how you assess your students' learning and your impact on student achievement.

**Please attach Student Achievement response.**

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## X. Letters of Support

Include three letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader. Letters of support should not be on letterhead.

**(limit of three letters, each a maximum of ONE PAGE)**

## **X. Publicity Photo**

**Please attach one color photograph suitable for publicity.  
Minimum 630x450 pixels.**

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