

# Magnet Teacher of the Year (TOY) 2020 Application Packet

DEADLINE: November 19, 2019

Must be a PAID 2019-2020 MSA Member by November 4, 2019



## ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be full-time magnet teachers (including specialists, resource/lead teachers) who:

- Are currently serving as a teacher at one or more PreK-12 or K-12 Magnet school(s) for a minimum of three (3) years;
- Demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation in curriculum;
- Foster cooperation between the classroom and the community;
- Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as other staff;
- Keep abreast of developments in the field of education;
- Encourage team spirit;
- Maintain their position as magnet teacher throughout the 2019-2020 school year and attend the national conference of the subsequent year “to pass the torch.” (at the discounted host district rate)

*All previous regional recipients are not eligible for three (3) years after being awarded.*

*All previous monetary recipients are not eligible for five (5) years after being awarded.*

## NOMINATION & LETTERS

- ★ Nomination application for Teacher of the Year must be submitted by the district Magnet Director.
- ★ Only MSA Members/Districts may submit candidate nominations.
- ★ Districts may submit only one candidate.

- ★ A letter of nomination explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award, signed and submitted with the online application at the time of submission.
- ★ Three (3) letters of recommendation: including **one** from a parent, **one** from a community partner, AND **one** from a co-worker or administrator. Each letter must be signed and submitted/uploaded separately with the online application at the time submission.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### NOMINATION (GENERAL/APPLICANT) INFORMATION

The following nominee/general information will need to be populated during the online submission process.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nominee's Name</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>Nominee's School</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>School/District Website</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>School District</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>Elementary, Intermediate or High</b> - <i>select all that apply</i></li> <li>● <b>Grade Level(s)</b> - text field               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Years as a Magnet Teacher</b> - text field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Region</b> - drop-down menu</li> <li>● <b>Magnet Themes</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>School Address</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>Phone</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>Cell Phone</b> - text field</li> <li>● <b>Email</b> - text field</li> </ul>
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## CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS

The following information will be entered online during the submission process. The narrative for each criterion must be completed by the candidate or nominator.


- [Criteria 1 - Educational History & Professional Development Activities](#)
- [Criteria 2 - Professional Biography](#)
- [Criteria 3 - Community/Parental Involvement](#)
- [Criteria 4 - Philosophy of Teaching](#)
- [Criteria 5 - Teaching Profession](#)

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

- [RESUME & PHOTO](#)
- [SIGNATURES](#)
- [RUBRIC](#)


## **CRITERIA 1: Educational History & Professional Development Activities (30 Points)**

In no more than 700 words.

- Colleges and Universities attended, including post-graduate studies, indicating degrees earned and dates of attendance;
  - Teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area(s);
  - Professional association memberships and information about offices held and other relevant activities that demonstrate on-going learning and leadership in education;
  - Professional development leadership activity and leadership experience in the training of future leaders;
  - Conferences and workshops attended and presentations made that demonstrate leadership within the magnet school field and;
  - Awards and other recognition of teaching accomplishments.
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## **CRITERIA 2: Professional Biography (10 Points)**

In no more than 400 words.

- Factors that influenced you to become a teacher and;
  - Description of what you consider as your greatest educational contributions and accomplishments as a magnet teacher.
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## CRITERIA 3: Community/Parental Involvement (15 Points)

In no more than 600 words.

- Describe your commitment to the community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities;
  - Describe how you have worked to develop community partnerships into your lessons based on your school's magnet theme and;
  - Describe how you encourage magnet parents to play a role in your classroom.
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## CRITERIA 4: Philosophy of Teaching (20 Points)

In no more than 600 words.

- Describe your personal philosophy and beliefs about teaching, including ideas about achieving equity and diversity within the classroom and;
  - Describe one unique unit that you have developed and taught, that aligns with your school's magnet theme(s).
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## CRITERIA 5: Teaching Profession (25 Points)

In no more than 950 words.

- Describe efforts that you have taken to strengthen and improve the magnet teaching profession;
- Describe how you build capacity with your colleagues by mentoring new teachers in the magnet mission;
- Describe a lesson or unit that you teach that differentiates various student learning styles. How did you integrate technology into this unit;
- Describe how you bring diverse groups of learners together to work for a common goal in your classroom; and
- Describe how you collaborate with other teachers to foster the interaction of students between/among grade levels.

## RESUME & PHOTO

A basic resume (no more than 3 pages) should accompany the application along with a professional headshot (.jpg, .jpeg or .png) of the Teacher. *Resume should include education, administrative experience, professional growth opportunities and dates (i.e., memberships and offices held in professional organizations/associations; professional development activities; publications/articles; leadership positions/roles).*

## SIGNATURES PAGE

Download blank signatures page [HERE](#). Three signatures needed:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BnvWNDxWpbEUuYw9WOHlvIGGiWA3wd1Liqf0USN-Tkg/edit?usp=sharing>

- Nominee Verification
- Nominee Assurance
- Magnet Director/Designee

*Upload as PDF during the online submission process.*

## 2019-2020 MAGNET TEACHER OF THE YEAR RUBRIC

Download 2019-2020 TOY rubric [HERE](#).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HSpt8C4PYR1CWzEPVt5T5riND6Sia2VhPhZLGGNDJnw/edit?usp=sharing>