

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## POLICIES

### ELIGIBLE NOMINEES

Any individual who, at the time the nomination is submitted to TAFCS, is employed as a permanent Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher in grades K-12 is eligible for consideration.

Recipients are eligible to receive this award more than once. The award may be given a second time to an individual for outstanding contributions as an educator that are different from those for which the first award was given.

### INELIGIBLE NOMINEES

Current AAFCS Officers and Members of the Awards and Recognition Committee are not eligible for nomination. AAFCS Board Members and Nominators cannot serve as jurors.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Teacher of the Year (TOY) is expected to attend the TAFCS State Meeting to be recognized and receive the award. The recipient is asked to speak at the Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Education (ESAE) Breakfast at the annual meeting or at the ESAE luncheon at the Texas Education Agency Professional Development Conference during the summer.

### NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The state TOY is the state's nominee for National Teacher of the Year. The state winner is expected to submit the national competition notebook by the current AAFCS deadline. National winners must be able to attend the current AAFCS Annual Meeting. See back for more information.

### THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The award for TOY is based on the quality of their educational program. The judging will be based on:

- creativity/innovation
- progressive approach to the subject matter
- methods of stimulating student growth and involvement
- student accomplishments and productivity
- impact of the program beyond the classroom
- attainment of the program objectives
- integration of family and consumer sciences concepts with the related subject matter
- enrollment data

Deadline is December 1, 2007.

## NOMINATION FORM FOR TAFCS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

1. Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ AAFCS Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone: Home (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ School (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of School \_\_\_\_\_
5. School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Position / Title \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) Taught \_\_\_\_\_
7. Title of Nominee's Program \_\_\_\_\_
8. Program Focus Area (check only one):  

<input type="checkbox"/> Career Awareness / Job Skill Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Education / Diet and Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Education / Family Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing and Textiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Dimensions / Alternative Program Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Furnishings / Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life / Personal and Social Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
9. Two letters of support. One from supervisor, principal or superintendent. One from colleague, parent, student or community leader.
10. State the primary focus of the program and identify the areas it was designed to address. Highlight ways in which the goals have been and are being accomplished.
11. Include a wallet size picture with nomination.
12. If nominee is awarded state Teacher of the Year, winner agrees to:
  - submit the national competition notebook by the current AAFCS deadline.
  - attend the TAFCS State Meeting to receive the award.
  - Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOTEBOOK \***

The state nominee agrees to complete the national competition notebook, which includes the following:

- Completed AAFCS Nomination form.
- Two-page, double-spaced, typed narrative about professional and community activities.
- Two page, double spaced, typed narrative about community demographics, school setting, enrollment, extracurricular activities offered, program restrictions, program budget and funding.
- Two-page, double-spaced, typed narrative about goals and objectives of nominee's educational program.
- Maximum fourteen page, double spaced, typed description of nominee's educational program giving evidence of creativity, progressive approach, methods of student stimulation for growth, student accomplishments and productivity, impact of program beyond the classroom, attainment of program objectives, integration of family and consumer sciences concepts, and enrollment data. Photos may be used as part of the fourteen pages.
- Five letters of support that provide evidence of impact and importance of nominee's contributions.

**\*For details of the notebook, see the current AAFCS Teacher of the Year Nomination materials.**

## **NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR SELECTION CRITERIA \***

A point value system is a part of the review process. Maximum score is 160. Points are given in parentheses. In order to be considered, the nominee must have:

1. Demonstrated that this educational program has had a relevant and timely impact on the community. (40 pts.)
2. Exhibited creativity and innovation in the program. (30 pts.)
3. Influenced the lives of students beyond the actual classroom. (15 pts.)
4. Stimulated critical thinking and growth within students. (15 pts.)
5. Achieved specific and identified goals through this educational program. (10 pts.)
6. Shown the integration of family and consumer sciences with the subject matter focus. (10 pts.)
7. Increased the visibility of the profession within the community. (10 pts.)
8. Implemented family and consumer sciences concepts into their educational program. (5 pts.)
9. Displayed an exemplary level of professional commitment. (5 pts.)
10. Received positive feedback and reactions from both the families of students and families within the community. (5pts.)
11. Been recognized and supported by colleagues and administrators. (5 pts.)

### **BONUS POINTS (either 0 or 5)**

- Current AAFCS Member
- Currently Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS)

**\* See the current AAFCS Teacher of the Year Nomination materials for exact criteria and point values.**