



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR
APPLICATION**



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Applications must be accessed online at: <https://www.stancoe.org/districts/recognition-events>

Nominee's Name (Last Name, First Name)	TK-3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4-6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7-8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9-12 <input type="checkbox"/>
Check the ONE box that best fits grade level being taught				
Home Address, City, Zip	Cell Phone #	Nominee's Personal Email		
School District	School / School Routing #	Nominee's School Email		
School Address, City, Zip	School Phone #	Years in Current Position		
Principal's Name	Principal's School Phone #	Principal's School Email		
Total Years Teaching (<u>minimum of 8 years as a credentialed teacher</u>)		Primary: Grade Level / Secondary: Subject(s)		

Our application process is completely online. Please read the following carefully!

- This application can be accessed at <https://www.stancoe.org/districts/recognition-events>.
- Superintendents and/or their designee(s) must approve the submissions as part of the process with an electronic signature on the final page of the application.
- Electronic submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025, through the Google link.
- No paper, faxed, or emailed versions will be accepted.

A. Teacher Nominee: (This submission will count for 2/3 of the total score.) You will have 1,000 words to answer these questions:

1. What influenced you to become a teacher?
2. What are the three most critical instructional practices that you implement to ensure student achievement in your classroom?
3. How do you hold yourself professionally accountable for the success of students?
4. How do you extend your influence outside of your classroom in efforts to support student success?

B. Principal: (This submission will count for 1/3 of total score.) You will have a total of 500 words to answer these questions:

1. What qualities and skills does this teacher demonstrate that qualify him/her to be singled out as an exemplary teacher?
2. Describe how this teacher has changed or impacted students' lives, inside and outside of the classroom.

C. Superintendent: District Superintendent to electronically sign on last page to finalize application.

Electronic submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025.

Teacher's Narrative

I understand that this process is the first step in the California Teacher of the Year Program. I further certify that the nominee is a fully credentialed teacher, through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and the teacher of record for designated students and not fully released from the classroom. If this nominee is selected as a California Teacher of the Year, the nominee may need to be released from classroom duties for 30 or more instructional days. If selected as National Teacher of the Year, the applicant will need to be released for a full instructional year. The school, district, or other administrative authority employing the applicant is responsible to ensure that his or her salary and benefits are not diminished during the release time and to provide for substitute personnel as necessary. **The teacher selected to represent Stanislaus County in the State program will be required to complete the California Teacher of the Year application and participate in the State level competition. Additionally, the completion of the application and narrative pages serves as acknowledgement of the above and consent for the teacher to be videotaped and photographed. The district will provide release time for the teacher to attend the 2024 luncheon, participate on the screening team for the 2026 Teacher of the Year and attend the 2026 luncheon.**

You will have 1,000 words to answer the following questions, matching the number of the question with your response. (Do not rewrite the questions themselves – just provide the numbers). Use the space below for the Teachers Narrative. Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced.

1. What influenced you to become a teacher?
2. What are the three most critical instructional practices that you implement to ensure student achievement in your classroom?
3. How do you hold yourself professionally accountable for the success of students?
4. How do you extend your influence outside of your classroom in efforts to support student success?

Principal's Narrative

I understand that this process is the first step in the California Teacher of the Year Program. I further certify that the nominee is a fully credentialed teacher, through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and the teacher of record for designated students and not fully released from the classroom. If this nominee is selected as a California Teacher of the Year, the nominee may need to be released from classroom duties for 30 or more instructional days. If selected as National Teacher of the Year, the applicant will need to be released for a full instructional year. The school, district, or other administrative authority employing the applicant is responsible to ensure that his or her salary and benefits are not diminished during the release time and to provide for substitute personnel as necessary. **The teacher selected to represent Stanislaus County in the State program will be required to complete the California Teacher of the Year application and participate in the State level competition. Additionally, the completion of the application and narrative pages serves as acknowledgement of the above and consent for the teacher to be videotaped and photographed. The district will provide release time for the teacher to attend the 2024 luncheon, participate on the screening team for the 2025 Teacher of the Year and attend the 2025 luncheon.**

You will have 500 words to answer the following questions, matching the number of the question with your response. (Do not rewrite the questions themselves – just provide the numbers). Use the space below for the Principals Narrative. Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced.

1. What qualities and skills does this teacher demonstrate that qualify him/her to be singled out as an exemplary teacher?
2. Describe how this teacher has changed or impacted students' lives, inside and outside of the classroom.

Authorization from Superintendent

I understand that this process is the first step in the California Teacher of the Year Program. I further certify that the nominee is a fully credentialed teacher, through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and the teacher of record for designated students and not fully released from the classroom. If this nominee is selected as a California Teacher of the Year, the nominee may need to be released from classroom duties for 30 or more instructional days. If selected as National Teacher of the Year, the applicant will need to be released for a full instructional year. The school, district, or other administrative authority employing the applicant is responsible to ensure that his or her salary and benefits are not diminished during the release time and to provide for substitute personnel as necessary. **The teacher selected to represent Stanislaus County in the State program will be required to complete the California Teacher of the Year application and participate in the State level competition. Additionally, the completion of the application and narrative pages by the teacher and principal serves as acknowledgement of the above and consent for the teacher to be videotaped and photographed. The district will provide release time to be provided for the teacher to attend the 2024 luncheon, participate on the screening team for the 2025 Teacher of the Year and attend the 2025 luncheon.**

After reviewing each application, please electronically sign below to indicate you agree with the above statement and approve your teacher to move to the screening process.

Superintendents Authorization