

Volusia County Schools 2028 Teacher of the Year Application

This application consists:

- **Cover Page.** This information will be printed in the program distributed at the Teacher of the Year banquet.
- **Résumé**
- **Four writing prompt questions**
- **No letter of recommendation from your principal is required unless you are named the district winner**

The overall quality of your application including page limits/specifications, grammar and spelling will be included in the scoring process.

Remember to limit your answers to the number of pages or words requested. Please submit your application as one document, not individual attachments. In fairness to all applicants, only the requested materials will be reviewed. Submit an electronic copy of the completed application to crgreene@volusia.k12.fl.us

Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2026

Cover Page (This information will be printed in the program handed out at the banquet)

Cover Page should include the following:

- List your name, school name, subject teaching:
 - Elementary teachers, please list the grade level/special area you are currently teaching
 - Secondary teachers, please list what subject you are currently teaching
- Provide four bullets identifying college degrees earned (M.S., B.S. etc.) including the name of the college/university (one degree per bullet); professional memberships (one organization per bullet – local, state and national organizations cannot be included on one line); and/or any awards or honors (such as National Board Certification). No more than four bullets will be printed in the program. Please spell out the names instead of using abbreviations.
 - **Cover Page Example:**
Name: Erika Kazma
School: R.J. Longstreet Elementary
Subject: Physical Education
 - B.A., West Liberty State College
 - Grant recipient for Futures Foundation
 - Elected as the 2027 PE Teacher of the Year
 - Awarded 24 balance bikes for kindergarteners from the All Kids Bike Program (2025)

Résumé

Resume should be typed utilizing no less than 10-point font – can be single-spaced – two-page maximum.

Your resume should include the following information:

- Complete work history, including dates of employment and descriptions of responsibilities and accomplishments.
- Any past achievements – academic, professional or personal; and
- Any school or community involvement, leadership or volunteer experience.

Writing Prompts

Responses to the writing prompts must be typed and double-spaced utilizing 11-point font. Please begin each writing prompt on a new page.

1. What inspires you as an educator? *(one to two paragraphs)*
2. Share how students illustrate your success at achieving meaningful learning outcomes. Using data, formal/informal and short/long term, how are your students performing when they leave your classroom versus when they entered it? *(one to two paragraphs)*
3. A teacher leader is someone who affects student outcomes in classrooms beyond their own. Describe how you have been a teacher leader in your school, district, or subject area. *(one to two paragraphs)*
4. Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in which contributed to the improvement of overall school culture. What was your role, how did you involve others and where is this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. *(one to two paragraphs)*