2024 Georgia Teacher of the Year Application

Timeline:

- Application closes Friday, December 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Finalists Announced Monday, March 6, 2023
- Finalist Interviews March or April, 2023
- GaTOTY Conference and Gala, June 9-10, 2023
- 2024 GaTOTY Service Term Begins July 1, 2023
- 2024 GaTOTY Service Terms Ends June 30, 2024

Candidate Qualifications for the 2024 Georgia Teacher of the Year:

The Georgia Teacher of the Year candidate has the respect and admiration of their colleagues and must possess the following attributes:

1. Serving as the 2023 District Teacher of the Year.
2. A certified public school classroom teacher with a valid and current Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) Professional or Advanced/Lead Professional certificate in prekindergarten through Grade 12. Special education, physical education, art, music, ROTC and media specialists are eligible.
3. **Full-time, with a minimum of three (3) years** of classroom teaching experience.

4. Is an exceptional, dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher planning to continue in active teaching status.

5. Is an expert in the field who advances growth for students of all backgrounds and abilities.

6. Builds collaborative relationships with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture of success.

7. Plays an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school.

8. Deliberately connects the classroom to community to impact student growth and learning.

9. As a lifelong learner and teacher leader, utilizes innovation to create learning experiences within and beyond the classroom.

10. Expresses themselves in an engaging and clear way, conveying the classroom experience to a variety of audiences.

Are you serving as your district's 2023 Teacher of the Year and do you meet all of the candidate qualifications list above?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**School District or Charter** *

- [ ] Please Select

**Congressional District** *

- [ ] Please Select

Select your school's congressional district. [https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative](https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)

**Candidate's Full Name** *

- [ ] Legal First Name
- [ ] Legal Last Name
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**Candidate's School Email** *

example@example.com

Confirm Email

### School Information

**School Name** *

Full school name. Do not use abbreviations or acronyms.

**School Grade Band** *

- [ ] Elementary
- [ ] Middle
- [ ] High
- [ ] K-12
- [ ] 6-12
- [ ] Other
School Type *
- District Charter
- State charter
- Traditional Public
- Virtual/Online

School Location *
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban
- Virtual/Online

School Size *
Number of students in school?

District Size *
Number of students in district?

School Phone Number *
(000) 000-0000
Please enter a valid phone number.

School Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

School Principal Information

Principal's Full Name *

Prefix

First Name

Last Name
Principal's Email Address *

example@example.com

Confirm Email

Principal's Phone Number *

(000) 000-0000

Please enter a valid phone number.

District Superintendent Information

Superintendent's Full Name *

Prefix | First Name | Last Name

Superintendent's Email Address *

example@example.com

Confirm Email
**District Coordinator Information**

**Superintendent's Phone Number**

(000) 000-0000

Please enter a valid phone number.

**District Coordinator's Full Name** *

Prefix  
First Name  
Last Name

**District Coordinator's Email** *

example@example.com

Confirm Email

**District Coordinator's Phone Number** *

(000) 000-0000

Please enter a valid phone number.
Candidate's Personal Contact Information

Candidate's Personal Email *
example@example.com

Confirm Email

Candidate's Home Mailing Address *
Street Address
Street Address Line 2
City
State / Province
Candidate's Demographic Information

I understand the Georgia Teacher of the Year will be selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability. *

- Yes
- No

What is your primary language? *

What is your gender identity? *
Female
Male
Non-binary
Transgender Man
Transgender Woman
Decline to Answer

Which category below includes your age? *

21-29
30-39
40-49
50-59
60+

What is your ethnicity? *
Asian/Indian Subcontinent (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)

Black/African American (A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.)

Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin.)

Native American/Alaskan Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America [including Central America], and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)

White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)

Multi-ethnic (descendant of two or more groups)

Decline to Answer

Candidate's Social Media
Enter all professional or personal social media accounts.

Twitter Handle

@username

"@" symbol followed by username. Example: @user

Facebook Profile
Candidate's Resume Information

How much time do you spend working directly with students in a classroom setting? *

- 100%
- 75%
- 50%
Less than 50%

If less than 100% please elaborate.

What subject area(s) do you currently teach? (check all that apply) *

- CTAE
- English Language Arts
- English Language Learners
- Fine Arts
- Gifted Education
- JROTC
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Education
- STEM/STEAM
- Physical Education/Health
- World/Foreign Language
- Other

What grade level(s) do you currently teach? (check all that apply) *
Pre-Kindergarten
Kindergarten
First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade
Fourth Grade
Fifth Grade
Sixth Grade
Seventh Grade
Eighth Grade
High School

Years of Teaching Experience *
- 1-4 Years
- 5-9 Years
- 10-19 Years
- 20-29 Years
- 30+ Years

Years in Current Position *

Please Select
National Board Certified Teacher  *

- Yes
- No
- In Progress

What language(s) do you speak fluently?  *

- American Sign Language
- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Latin
- Mandarin Chinese
- Spanish
- Other

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### Teaching Experience *

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+Add Additional Teaching Experience

### Leadership Experience

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### Awards and Recognitions

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+Add Additional Awards
Additional Resume Items

Type here...

Please list the location, month and year for each additional item.

Candidate's Professional Biography

By completing this section, you agree that your biography can be used in Georgia TOTY materials. Please follow the **content and style guidelines below**. (maximum 250 words)

**In your bio, include the following items:**

- The grade level and subject you currently teach
- The school in which you currently teach, including city and state
- All degrees you hold include the institution where they were received (i.e., Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Connecticut)
- Any awards or points of pride
- Pedagogical priorities
In your bio, follow these style guidelines:

- Complete in 3rd person format
- Spell out your degrees (i.e., Bachelor of Art, not BA)
- Only capitalize a subject area when it’s a language (i.e., capitalize English but not calculus)
- Use your first and last name in the first reference, but your last name only on second and subsequent references
- Spell out all acronyms the first time they are used

Professional Biography *

Type here...250 word limit.

Your professional biography will be used in promotional materials for GaDOE speaking opportunities and engagements. By completing this section, you agree that your biography and headshot can be used in GaDOE materials. (maximum 250 words)

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Candidate's Headshot - Upload a portrait orientation color photograph of the candidate that is at least 300 dpi. Image resolution in .jpg, .jpeg or .png file format only. A professional or school photo is preferred. *

Browse Files
Drag and drop files here

Naming convention for headshot: DistrictName_LastName_Headshot. Photos will be used in the GaTOTY media packets and audio/visual presentation and not in the selection process. Max. file size: 300 MB. Max files: 2
Application Essay Questions

Respond to the following questions, highlighting your personal story, and why you believe you should be the Georgia Teacher of the Year. Please indicate evidence of student impact.

Do not include external links. Minimum word count is 400 and maximum word count is 750 words for questions 1-5.

1. Describe a content lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage students of all backgrounds and abilities in the learning? Show how your deliberate instructional decisions create student learning and reveal your beliefs about teaching and learning. *

Type here..750 word limit.

Maximum 750 words: 0/400

2. Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in that deliberately creates culture in your classroom or school. Describe how you build and use relationships to collaborate and to teach students of all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. What is the status of this project today? *
3. Describe specific ways in which you deliberately connect your students with the community. Show how these community connections dissolve classroom walls and are used to impact student learning and success.

4. Describe a time when you grew as a teacher leader and life-long learner as a result of being an advocate in your school, state or beyond. Describe your advocacy, how it helped you to grow and how it impacted students.
5. As the Georgia Teacher of the Year, serving as the ambassador of education for Georgia, you have been asked to give a speech to a large audience of teachers. This speech is being recorded and will be shared broadly with a larger audience. What is your message? What is the talk you give? [You may indicate a specific audience. For example, a "back to school" talk.]

Type here. 750 word limit.

6. The Georgia Teacher of the Year serves as an advocate and spokesperson for educational stakeholders through public speaking engagements and social media. The GaTOTY must refrain from voicing political views on any platform. Describe your experience with public speaking and using social media. How does your experience make you qualified for this position?

Type here. 250 word limit.
Supporting Evidence
Three Letters of Recommendation Required

Attach three letters of recommendation that support why this candidate should be the Georgia Teacher of the Year.

- At least one recommendation must be from a parent, colleague, administrator or student.
- Letters must be signed, dated, and indicate the relationship to the candidate.
- Each letter should not exceed one page in length.
- Refrain from using letters of support written for the district-level competition, as these will not be accepted.

Attach three letters of recommendation. Letters must be attached as separate files. Follow the file naming convention below.

Naming convention for files: Distictname_Lastname_Support1; Distictname_Lastname_Support2; Distictname_Lastname_Support3 (e.g.: Carroll County_Ashmore_Support1; Carroll County_Ashmore_Support2; Carroll County_Ashmore_Support3) Accepted file type: pdf only. Max. file size: 300 MB, Max. files: 3.
Acknowledgement and Signatures

Signature Form
Signatures are required from the teacher candidate, school principal, district superintendent, and district TOTY coordinator. Applications will not be accepted without all signatures. The application can be saved until all signatures are received and the completed form is uploaded where indicated below.

Complete the Fillable Form:
On the Signature Form below, scroll down and complete the fillable fields. Select the print icon to print or the download arrow to save your completed file. Be sure to select "with your changes" when downloading. Obtain all signatures. Scan and upload to the application.

Scroll down and complete the fillable fields. Print or download the file "with your changes".
Signature Form. Upload the signature page after all signatures are obtained. Applications will not be accepted without all signatures. Follow the file naming convention below. *

Naming convention for file: Districtname_TeacherLastname_Signatures. e.g., CarrollCounty_Ashmore_Signatures Accepted file type: pdf only. Max. file size: 300 MB

You may save and continue your application at a later date. Once submitted, you will receive a pop-up “Thank You” and a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, your application has not been received. The district coordinator and school principal will also receive an email with a copy of the application.