



MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA
MAGNET TEACHER OF THE YEAR
APPLICATION
2014-2015

NOMINEE ASSURANCE AND SIGNATURE:

I attest to the accuracy of the information submitted for review by the Teacher of the Year Committee and Reviewers and give my permission for Magnet Schools of America to publish and release any and all information included in this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MAGNET DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE:

I attest to the accuracy of the information submitted by the above nominee for the 2014-2015 Magnet Teacher of the Year Application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MISSION STATEMENT

Providing leadership for high quality innovative instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

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*Magnet Schools of America's Magnet Teacher of the Year Award annually recognizes an outstanding, dedicated full time teacher who exemplifies excellence in academic achievement through innovative programs that promote equity and diversity for students in Magnet Schools.*

*This teacher is acknowledged by peers, parents and students for his/her exemplary contributions made to their profession. He/She inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.*

*The award honors a Pre-K through K-12 Magnet School Teacher who has demonstrated excellence in the areas addressed by the selection criteria.*

***The Magnet School must be a paid member of the Magnet Schools of America for 2014-2015 by December 1, 2014.***



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Magnet Teacher of the Year Award Application
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS

APPLICANT INFORMATION - TO BE ENTERED ONLINE during the submission process

Form with fields for Nominee, School, Website, School District, Address, State, Phone, Fax, Years as a Magnet Teacher, Grade Level(s), Region, Magnet Theme(s), and checkboxes for Elementary/Secondary School. Includes a signature line and date field.

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- The application criteria must be: (1) double-spaced; (2) free of grammatical and spelling errors; (3) neat, coherent, and organized in a logical format; (4) in 12 point, Times New Roman font with one-inch margins on top, bottom, left, and right; (5) numbered with a maximum of 8 pages; and (6) excludes notebooks, videos, cover page, or other attachments.

TRANSMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS: SUBMIT ONLINE

- Complete applications will include the following items listed below, and must be uploaded/submitted online at www.magnet.edu no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 8PM EST by the district Magnet Director/Designee. Late applications will not be accepted. (Refer to Nomination Process on page 5)
- A signed 2014-2015 MSA TOY Cover Page in PDF
- A signed copy of the 2014-2015 MSA TOY Applicant Information Page in PDF
- Application Criteria Narrative in PDF
- Letter of Nomination explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award submitted by the nominator, signed and dated in PDF
- Three Letters of Recommendation, including one from a parent, one from a community partner, AND one from a co-worker or an administrator, signed and dated, each letter saved and uploaded as a separate PDF
- Professional Resume in PDF
- Applicant Photo (head shot) in .jpg, .jpeg, .tiff or .png
Print a copy of all documents for your file.

## **I. Eligibility:**

- **Nominees must be full-time magnet teachers (including specialists, resource/lead teachers) who:**
  - ✓ Have served as a teacher at one or more Pre-K or K-12 Magnet school(s) for a minimum of three 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;
  - ✓ Demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment to equity and diversity in classrooms;
  - ✓ Maintain their position as teacher throughout the 2014-2015 school year; and has the ability to travel and represent Magnet Schools of America as an Ambassador for the 2015-2016 school year if selected as National Teacher of the Year.

## **II. Application Criteria – must be completed by the candidate or nominator**

- **Educational History and Professional Development Activities: (30 points)**
  - ✓ 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.
- **Professional Biography: (10 points)**
  - ✓ Factors that influenced you to become a teacher and;
  - ✓ Description of what you consider being your greatest education contributions and accomplishments as a magnet teacher.
- **Community/Parental Involvement: (15 points)**
  - ✓ 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 magnet theme lessons and;
  - ✓ Describe how you encourage magnet parents to play a role in your classroom.
- **Philosophy of Teaching: (20 points)**
  - ✓ Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including ideas about working with equity and diversity within the classroom and;
  - ✓ Describe one unique unit that you teach and have developed, that aligns with your magnet theme(s).

## Cont'd...Application Criteria

### ➤ Teaching Profession: (25 points)

- ✓ Efforts that you have taken to strengthen and improve the magnet teaching profession;
- ✓ Describe how you build capacity with your colleagues by mentoring newer teachers in the magnet mission;
- ✓ Describe a lesson or unit that you teach that differentiates various student learning styles. Give special attention to technology, if you can;
- ✓ 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.

## III. Nomination Process

- ✓ Nominations for Teacher of the Year must be submitted by the district Magnet Director. Districts may submit more than one candidate.
- ✓ Only MSA Members/Districts may submit candidate nominations.
- ✓ Nomination packet materials:
  - The Magnet Teacher of the Year Application Cover Page, *signed*;
  - Applicant Information Page, *completed and signed*;
  - Description of each Application Criteria (Narrative) listed on **pages 4 and 5**;
  - A letter of nomination explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award submitted by *the nominator*;
  - Three letters of recommendation including one from a parent, one from a community partner, AND one from a co-worker or an administrator;
  - A professional resume; and
  - An applicant photo (head shot).

*The National Magnet Teacher of the Year Winner will be announced at the National Conference on Magnet Schools in Raleigh, North Carolina.*

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION  
ON OR BEFORE:**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014, 8:00PM EST.**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT [WWW.MAGNET.EDU](http://WWW.MAGNET.EDU)**



## Regional Director Names and Email Information:

### **Region I**

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