

2010-2011
Teacher of the Year Application Form

Greenville County Schools
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Please Note: Form Must Be Typed

(SCHOOL)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ **SCHOOL PHONE** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GRADE LEVEL(s) _____

MAJOR SUBJECT AREA (IF ANY) _____

TOTAL YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE ____ **YEARS IN PRESENT POSITION** ____

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE TEACHER CADET PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOL? ____

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE TROOP TO TEACHERS PROGRAM? _____

ARE YOU NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED? _____ **OR IN THE PROCESS?** _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL _____

I hereby give my permission that any part of the attached material (other than home address and telephone number) may be shared through communication with the media.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

DATE _____

- II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities – Pages 2&3 - (two double-spaced pages, 10 points)**
- A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
 - B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area.
 - C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
 - D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activities and leadership in the training for future teachers.
 - E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.
- III. Professional Biography – Pages 4&5 - (two double-spaced pages, 15 points)**
- A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher?
 - B. Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.
- IV. Community Involvement – Page 6 - (one double-spaced page, 10 points)**
- A. Describe your commitment to your community.
 - B. Include your current and past service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic involvement, and other group activities.
- V. Philosophy of Teaching – Pages 7&8 – (two double-spaced pages, 20 points)**
- A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher.
 - B. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
 - C. Describe how your beliefs about teaching are demonstrated in your personal teaching style.
- VI. Education Issues and Trends – Pages 9&10 – (two double-spaced pages, 15 points)**
- A. What do you consider to be the major public education issues today?
 - B. Address one of these issues in depth, outlining possible causes, effects, and resolutions.
- VII. The Teaching Profession – Pages 11&12 – (two double-spaced pages, 20 points)**
- A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?
 - B. What is and/or what should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?
- VIII. Greenville County Teacher of the Year – Page 13–(one double-spaced page, 15 points)**
As the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers.
- A. What would be your message?
 - B. What would you communicate to your profession and to the general public?

Guidelines & Instructions for Completing Application

- Provide all information requested in the application form. If the first page is retyped, adhere to the established format with all instructions and requested information provided.
- Limit answers to the number of pages requested.
- Double-space application responses.
- Limit font size to no smaller than 10 point. Type should be clean and easy to read.
- Keep left and right margins to a minimum of 0.6”.
- Use the section number and heading for each question. For subsections in a heading, only the letter (A, B, C, etc.) is necessary.
- Number all pages.
- Spell out acronyms.
- Make sure names, numbers, spelling, grammar, and sequence are correct.
- Submit the original application and four copies (not stapled or bound) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, to Sandra Welch at the Greenville County Schools Central Office.

Additional Guidelines

In the case of a tie between candidates when total points are tallied, the tie-breaker categories (in order of importance) will be: 1. The Teaching Profession, 2. Philosophy of Teaching, and 3. Education Issues and Trends.

Up to ten points may be deducted, at each judge’s discretion, on applications that have not met application guidelines and instructions. Example: using a font that is too small.

Tips

- **TELL YOUR STORY!**
- Use your best writing skills.
- Include details of who and what influenced you to teach.
- Give personal experiences, not just data.
- List all workshops and seminars that you have attended or conducted.
- List current and past community involvement that is school, religious, or civic in nature.
- Use spell check and two proofreaders.

Contact Sandra Welch with questions.

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