
The National Teachers Hall of Fame 2017 Teacher Induction Program

Located in Emporia, Kansas, The National Teachers Hall of Fame has brought attention to the profession primarily through an annual recognition program which honors five of the nation's most outstanding teachers. The first awards were presented in 1992. Formal ceremonies take place in June of each year. Attendance at all functions is required of those who are inducted. All expenses are paid by The NTHF.

A national selection committee, which includes representatives from educational organizations, former inductees into The NTHF, government and corporate America, considers the nominations. The selection committee reserves the right to make additional inquiries about the nominees beyond the written application.

Individuals inducted into The National Teachers Hall of Fame serve as ambassadors both for The NTHF and the teaching profession, and are expected to uphold the standards of excellence set forth by the educational community. Individuals may obtain a nomination form by visiting The NTHF website at www.nthf.org or by calling 1-800-96-TEACH.

Photograph and Video

After the initial screening process has been completed, all semi-finalists will receive written notice of their advancement to that level. These semi-finalists will be presented to the national selection committee and will be required to provide The NTHF with one (1) **PROFESSIONAL** headshot photograph (size may vary from 2"x3" to 8"x10"). This photograph will be used for publicity purposes, including media releases and a permanent plaque for The NTHF museum. It will **NOT** be used for consideration during the final selection process.

Semi-finalists must also submit a three minute Video that will showcase your teaching and student learning. This will help the selection committee define you as a teacher. The format for the Video is open, but we do not want footage from previous television appearances, newscasts or from other recognition programs. It is recognized that production capabilities vary considerably among school districts. This is an opportunity for you, the nominee, to demonstrate to the selection committee your uniqueness as an individual and your teaching in an electronic format.

Note: Once the semi-finalist has been notified, the photograph and Video must be submitted by the specified deadline in mid-February.



Instructions, Guidelines and Requirements

A. Nomination Requirements

- The nominee must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of full-time preK-12 teaching experience.
- The nominee must hold or have held a valid teaching certificate or license from the state in which he or she is teaching or has taught.
- The nominee must hold a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree.
- All nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form which may be obtained by calling 1-800-96-TEACH or by downloading it from The NTHF website at www.nthf.org or by submitting online.
- If the nomination form is mailed, it must be **postmarked** no later than January 10, 2017. If the nomination is sent via electronic means, it must reach The NTHF office no later than January 12, 2017.
- If selected for induction, the nominee must attend induction activities in Washington DC in May and in Emporia, Kansas in June.

B. The person making the nomination should work closely with the nominee to ensure all required materials are included in the packet and the deadline is met. Self-nominations are accepted.

C. Each year, the public announcement of the inductees will be made during the month of March. All other nominees will be sent written notification of their nomination status on or after the announcement date.

D. The Nomination Packet

- One copy of the nomination packet is required. It must be filled out completely with all required information, essays and letters.
- Do NOT place the packet within a binder, folder or clear plastic cover. Secure the packet with a paperclip or binder clip; please do not staple.
- Acronyms should NOT be used in the text, unless they are preceded by what they represent (example: The National Teachers Hall of Fame, NTHF)
- The completed nomination packet must contain the following components in this order:
 - i. Nomination Form
 - ii. Nominee's Information Sheet
 - iii. Nominee's Education, Teaching Experience and Special Recognition
 - iv. Nominee's Personal Statements
 - v. Letters of Support/Recommendation

Note: Follow all instructions exactly and completely. Send ONLY the information requested and do NOT exceed the maximum length allowed for each item. In the interest of fairness to all nominees, failure to adhere to these published guidelines will result in disqualification.

E. Send the completed nomination packet (or Letters of Support/Recommendation if the application is completed online) by the deadline to the following address:

**Teacher Induction Program
The National Teachers Hall of Fame
1 Kellogg Circle, Campus Box 4017
Emporia, KS 66801**



Nominee Information Sheet (print in ink or type)

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Total completed years as a full-time preK-12 classroom teacher: _____

Note: If retired, please complete this page with reference to your last active professional position and check “Retired” below.

Current Professional Assignment (mark here if retired)

Title/Subject _____ Grade Level(s) _____

Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor _____

Name of School _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Work Email _____

Superintendent of Schools _____

School District _____

School District Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School District Phone _____ School District Fax _____

The National Teachers Hall of Fame Nominee Permission and Verification Statement

I give permission for this nomination form and the accompanying materials to be shared with persons interested in promoting The National Teachers Hall of Fame. I acknowledge the information in this packet is true and correct. If selected, I agree to attend activities in Emporia, Kansas and Washington DC. In addition to attending the 2017 induction activities, I understand I will be asked to participate in service and promotional activities on behalf of The National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____



Nominee's Education, Teaching Experience and Special Recognition

(Please use additional pages as necessary to complete)

Education: Listing the most recent first, identify all post high school degrees earned. (Include continuing education and professional growth.)

Degree	College/University	Year
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Teaching Experience: Listing the most recent (current) assignment first, and identifying your teaching assignments.

Year(s)	Institution/School	Grade Level	Subject
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Professional Organizations: List any association or organization in which you currently or previously maintained membership or held office. (NEA, AFT, other affiliations)

Honors or Awards

Check all honors, awards and achievements which apply to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Teacher of the Year (CCSSO) | Year: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> State Teacher of the Year (CCSSO) | Year: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National or State Teacher of the Year Award Within a Discipline | Year: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> National Educator Award (Milken) | Year: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disney Award | Year: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> USA TODAY Award | Year: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Master Teacher or Career Ladder | Level: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Certification | Year: _____ |

Other National Awards

Name of Award	Sponsoring Organization	Year
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Other State Awards

Name of Award	Sponsoring Organization	Year
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Local District and School Awards

Name of Award	Sponsoring Organization	Year
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Publications: List your publications, if any, within the past three years by date of publication, title and publisher.

Date Published	Title	Publisher
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I affirm that all information supplied for this nomination is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Nominee Signature _____ Date _____



Nominee's Personal, Professional Statements

The nominee must respond to the following items. Responses **MUST NOT** exceed the maximum number of pages allowed. Each response must be formatted according to the following guidelines. Answers must be **typewritten, using 12 point font, and double-spaced** on 8-1/2"x11" white paper, or on the online form provided. **Identify each section with the heading (i.e., A. Professional Profile) and submit items IN THE ORDER listed below.**

A. Professional Profile (two pages ~ 500 words)

Present your belief statement on the art of teaching. Describe what led you to the teaching profession. You may include comments on your philosophy of teaching and learning, who you are to your students or the role professional development has played in your growth as an educator.

B. In the Classroom (three pages ~ 750 words)

Describe your approach to teaching. Describe your classroom environment, both physically and intellectually. What are your instructional goals? What innovative, creative strategies have you incorporated into your teaching? Do you involve others in your teaching? What do you try to avoid as you teach? How do you define the most productive relationship between teachers and students? How has your teaching style changed over the years?

C. Outside the Classroom (two pages ~ 500 words)

Describe any programs which demonstrate your and your students' community involvement. Describe programs in which you have taken a leadership role. Have you contributed to the professional development of other educators? If so, in what ways?

D. Accountability (two pages ~ 500 words)

How do you use assessment data to ensure learning for/by all students? How does the success of your students validate what you do in the classroom?

E. Educational Issues (two pages ~ 500 words)

Identify two major issues or problems facing education today. What actions are you taking to solve them?

Letters of Support/Recommendation

The nominee is required to submit letters of support or recommendation from individuals in each of the **three (3) different** categories listed below. In addition, the nominee may also submit **two (2)** letters of support or recommendation from any of the categories listed below. The total number of letters shall not exceed **five (5)**. Each person must be in a position to comment on the nominee's effectiveness as a teacher, both in and out of the classroom.

- Your current or former superintendent of schools, principal or assistant principal.
- A district administrator, school board member, instructional supervisor or current or former colleague.
- A current or former student or the parent of a current or former student.

Note: All letters of support/recommendation must be dated, personally signed, addressed to The NTHF Selection Committee and included with the nomination packet. Each letter must be typewritten and no longer than one page. In the top, right-hand corner, the writer of the letter must indicate his/her relationship to the nominee (example: Principal).



THE NATIONAL TEACHERS Hall of Fame

Preserving a Heritage . . . Building a Legacy

The National Teachers Hall of Fame, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, was founded in 1989 as a tribute to our nation's most important profession – teaching. It is the mission of The National Teachers Hall of Fame to recognize and honor exceptional teachers. The Board of Trustees of The National Teachers Hall of Fame shall be responsible for taking such actions that are necessary to fulfill this mission. The NTHF will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of exceptional career teachers, preserve their careers in museum and virtual formats and utilize their skills and experiences to elevate teacher quality and student learning through integrated programming.

Supporting extraordinary teachers ensures our educators have the tools needed to deal with daily issues by addressing the core needs of teachers through various publications and special programs, while creating a forum for teachers to express themselves and to learn from their peers.

Recognizing exceptional teachers motivates other teachers, inspires young adults to consider a career in teaching and honors those who have positively influenced the lives of their students.

Elevating the teaching profession encourages active teachers to remain in teaching, presents young people with a career option and rallies everyone to address a critical need.

The National Teachers Hall of Fame
is located on the Campus of
Emporia State University in Visser Hall 114-115

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY



A. Professional Profile





B. In the Classroom







C. Outside the Classroom





D. Accountability





E. Educational Issues



