



# 2013 Kentucky Teacher of the Year



## OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM



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# CRITERIA

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To participate in the Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program, a teacher must have at least three years of classroom teaching experience and spend seventy-five percent of the day in the teaching and instruction of students. Teachers who have been recognized as a Teacher Achievement Award winner at least twice over a five-year consecutive period are ineligible to apply.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The Kentucky Teacher of the Year is selected through a three-tiered process that includes: 1) application judging; 2) classroom teaching; and 3) oral interview.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- < **Creativity and Originality** - the applicant demonstrates successful use of original or innovative teaching methods.
- < **Communication Skills** - The applicant demonstrates strong capability as a communicator through an application free of grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors; and through oral formats including classroom observation and personal interviews.
- < **Education Contributions/Accomplishments** - the applicant demonstrates the ability to make significant contributions to education.
- < **Professional Development** - the applicant demonstrates professional commitment by consistently upgrading teaching skills and maintaining awareness of educational trends and issues.
- < **Community Involvement** - the applicant demonstrates commitment to community activities.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### Step 1: Complete the Application

Style Requirements - Applications should be completed in Times New Roman font style and 11-point type. Information in sections III-VI should be double-spaced, paragraph format.

### Step 2: Obtain THREE Letters of Support (each a maximum of one page) Include three letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent or civic leader.

### Step 3: Include a Publicity Photograph

Include with the application package a high-quality, recent color photograph that is suitable for use in all publicity. The photo should be teacher only, no larger than 5" x 7" and no smaller than 3" x 5". Printed digital photographs

**\*\* Application should be printed on 8.5 x 11 white paper and bound by one large clip. Do not include binders, sleeves, section separators, additional photographs, newspaper clippings, etc.**

RETURN THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO

2013 KENTUCKY TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

ATTN: DONNA MELTON

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

500 MERO STREET, FIRST FLOOR

FRANKFORT, KY 40601

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2012**



**201' Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program**  
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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Area \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Level to be considered for Teacher Award (ELE, MS, HS — **choose only one**) \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/DISTRICT INFORMATION**

Principal Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ County of District \_\_\_\_\_

District Phone \_\_\_\_\_ District Fax \_\_\_\_\_

District Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

If selected as the 201' Kentucky Teacher of the Year, I understand that I will be expected to attend events sponsored by the state and national teacher of the year programs, and agree to do so. I give my permission to release the enclosed information for publication and/or other uses deemed appropriate to promote the Teacher of the Year program, and attest that the enclosed information is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities

A. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies.

Name and Location of School	Degree(s) Earned	Dates Attended	
		From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
		From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
		From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
		From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)

B. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.

Name and Location of School	Subject Area	Grade	Dates Attended	
			From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
			From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
			From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
			From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)
			From (MMYY)	To (MMYY)

- C. Beginning with the most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.

Professional Association	Offices Held/Other Information	Time Period (MMYY)	
		From	To
		From	To
		From	To
		From	To
		From	To
		From	To

- D. Beginning with the most recent, list and describe staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.

Leadership Activity	Date

E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

Awards/Recognition	Date

F. Beginning with the most recent, list your community involvement such as volunteer work, civic and other group activities.

Community Involvement Activity/Group	Date

**III. Professional Biography** (two-page maximum)

- A.** What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

### III. Professional Biography (page 2 of 2)



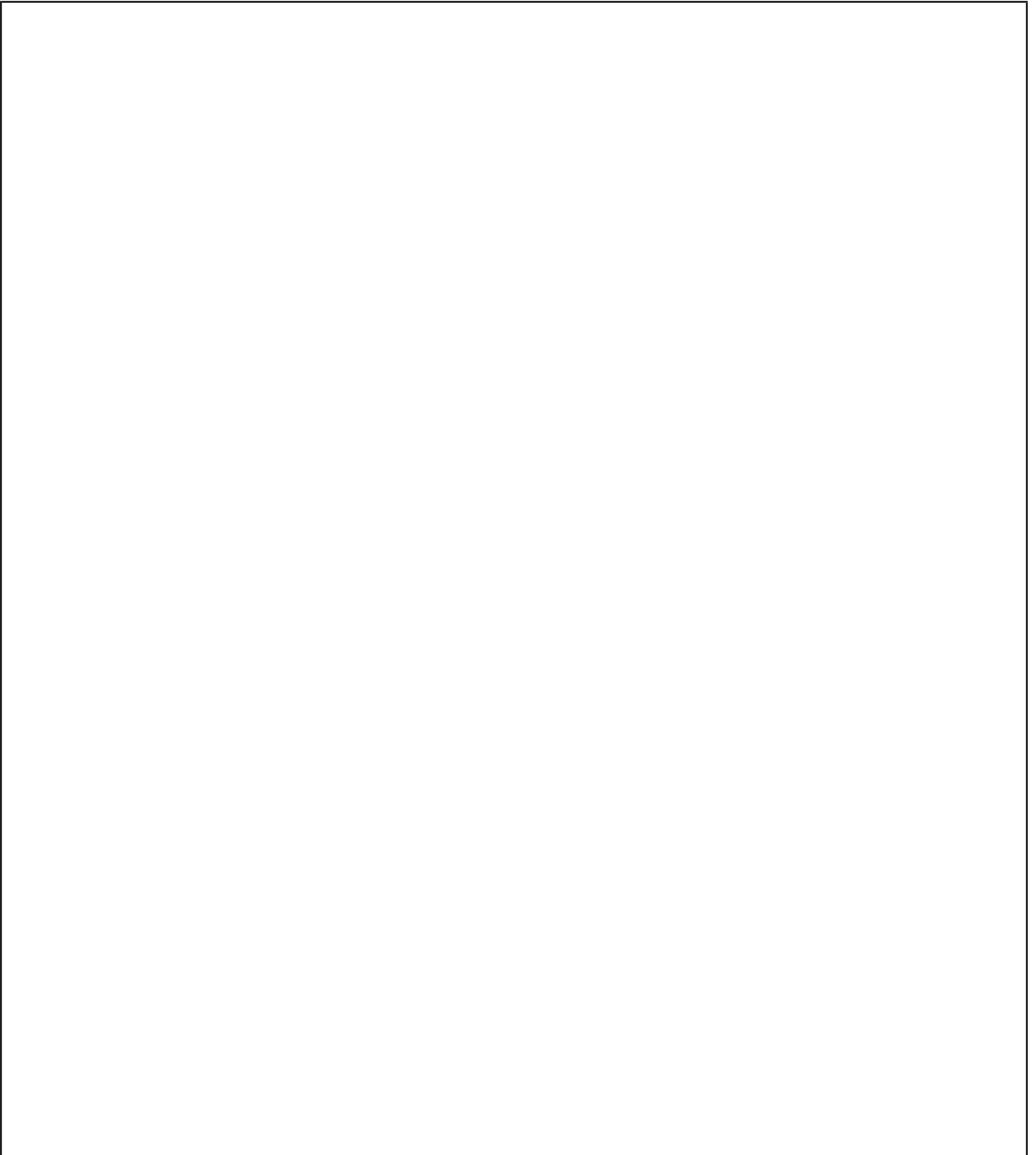
**IV. Philosophy of Teaching (1k c page maximum)**

- A.** Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.

#### IV. Philosophy of Teaching (page 2 of 2)

**V. Education Issues and Trends** (two-page maximum)

- A.** What do you consider to be the major public education issues today? Address one in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.



**VI. The Teaching Profession (1k c-page maximum)**

**A.** What is and/or should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

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