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You Could Be Nebraska's Teacher of the Year for 2021!

Nebraska Teacher of the Year Applications - **Part A** and **Part B** forms for the 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year are available through your superintendent or principal or by calling the Coordinator listed below.

Application Part A includes - Candidate information, professional memberships, professional preparation and experiences, authorizations, resume, letters of recommendations, and essay questions.

Essay Questions seek information on professional biography, philosophy of teaching and learning, educational leadership, and the applicant's message if selected as spokesperson for 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year.

Application Part B includes - A YouTube classroom video (**postponed for 2021**) and an Education Issue and Trend video.

The Nebraska Teacher of the Year Applications must be submitted or postmarked by **midnight (CDT), August 27, 2020**.

The Nebraska Application Review Panel examines all Part A and Part B applications submitted and selects up to five finalists.

The finalists will be in the running for selection of 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. Finalists will be announced in

September. Finalists interviews for the selection of the 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be held in **September**.

Announcement of the 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be held in **September 2020**. An awards recognition event will be held in **November 2020**. The 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will serve state obligations November 2020 - November 2021.

The 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year will be in competition for the 2021 National Teacher of Year competition in

Late October / Early November.

The Nebraska Teacher of the Year will serve as a representative at National Teacher of the Year events as the 2021 Nebraska Teacher of the Year from January 2021 - October 2021.

Begun in 1972, the Nebraska Teacher of the Year program recognizes outstanding Nebraska certified teachers who teach in a pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 classroom setting, and who plan to continue in an active teacher status in a state-approved or accredited school.

Candidates must be

- exceptionally dedicated
- respected/admired by parents, students, and peers
- poised, articulate, and energetic
- knowledgeable/skilled
- active in the community in which they teach
- able to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities

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- Nebraska Association of School Boards
- Nebraska State Education Association
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- Nebraska Council of School Administrators
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)
- University of Nebraska
- Nebraska Corn Board

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The Nebraska State Education Association, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Nebraska Association of School Boards, and corporate partner BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska will present a monetary award and sponsoring corporate friends will present gifts and mementoes to the Nebraska Teacher of the Year. Each of the remaining finalists will be given a monetary award or gifts and mementoes from sponsoring corporate friends and education associations. The Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program also receives support from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA); Channel 10/11, a community partner; and the Nebraska Corn Board.

If you have need for additional information, please contact:

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