



Date: November 7, 2022

To: Superintendents / Principals

From: Scott Kuykendall, Superintendent
John Schneider, Modesto Rotary Club President

Re: **Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year Program**
Application Due Date: January 20, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

The Stanislaus County Office of Education and the Modesto Rotary Club are again joining forces to recognize outstanding teachers in our county. The annual County Teacher of the Year program will honor twelve finalists with one teacher from TK-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12 grade spans being chosen as our four County Teachers of the Year. All twelve teachers will be recognized and receive an award at the Rotary Club luncheon on May 2, 2023. The four chosen County Teachers of the Year will also receive an award and \$1000 check. Two of these four will then be selected to represent Stanislaus County at the State competition.

All twelve finalists will have the opportunity to be considered for the Jane Johnston Civility Award presented by the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County. Information will be sent to the nominators once the finalists have been announced.

Our application process is completely online. Please read the following carefully!

- **The Application online system goes “Live” on December 5, 2022.**
- **The application, and teacher and principal narratives will be accessed, completed and submitted online at www.stancoe.org/go/TOY.**
- **Superintendents and/or their designee(s) must approve the submissions as part of the process. Without that approval, submissions cannot move forward.**
- **The deadline for electronic submissions is January 20, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.**
- **No paper, faxed, or emailed versions will be accepted.**

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a fully credentialed teacher currently employed to teach any pre-kindergarten through grade twelve curriculum to children or adults.
- Be employed full-time, or as long-term substitutes in public or private schools. Applicants may be assigned some administrative duties if teaching is the primary responsibility.
- Have completed eight years of teaching (perhaps across districts), inclusive of the year of nomination.
- Have demonstrated leadership and innovation in and outside of the classroom walls that embodies lifelong learning.
- Have expressed themselves in an engaging and articulate way.
- Be available to fulfill ambassadorial duties during the year of service and be supported by their employer.
- Teachers who were previously nominated but not selected as the Teacher of the Year may be nominated again.

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