



2012 National and Alaska Teacher of the Year Program

The goal of the Teacher of the Year program is to honor a teacher who provides exceptional service to students, the future. Nominate a teacher in your district who exemplifies excellence in the classroom; a teacher who demonstrates the characteristics and professionalism representative of all teachers in Alaska. Submit his/her application for consideration as Alaska's Teacher of the Year.

The Alaska Teacher of the Year is often called upon to speak at education conferences, testify before the Alaska Legislature, and to participate in education working groups throughout the state and the nation. The Alaska Teacher of the Year is the state's nominee for National Teacher of the Year.* Additionally, the Alaska Teacher of the Year award will:

- Receive technology for their school and classroom;
- Network with State Teachers of the Year throughout the year;
- Receive a college scholarship to give to a student;
- Receive a scholarship to pursue an advanced degree;
- Meet with the President of the United States;
- Attend a ceremony in the Rose Garden honoring teachers;
- Attend International Space Camp;
- Attend national educational policy forums;
- Create and publish a video clip about teaching;
- Attend national professional development forums.

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***Duties of the National Teacher**

During the official year of recognition, the National Teacher is released from all classroom duties to serve as a spokesperson and advocate for the entire teaching profession. The teacher's home state and district ensure the teacher's salary and benefits. All scheduling and logistical arrangements for the National Teacher are coordinated by the national program. National Teachers average over 150 events each year before audiences ranging from several hundred to over ten thousand. Television, radio, and the print media readily utilize National Teachers to represent the voice of education. National Teachers are frequently requested to sit on national and state commissions and policy advising bodies. The National Teacher may be called upon to represent American educators to audiences in other nations.

