



Merced County
Teacher of the Year

Steven E. Gomes, Ed.D, Merced County Superintendent of Schools

January, 2012

TO: School District Superintendents operating Pre-K Programs and Pre-K Center Directors (Nonprofit/Private)

FROM: Dr. Steven E. Gomes, County Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to announce that the Educational Employees Credit Union and the Merced County Office of Education are co-sponsoring the **2012 Teacher of the Year Awards**. On October 4, 2012, an awards program is scheduled to honor those individuals who truly exemplify excellence in education. The program honors teachers in individual districts and one teacher will be chosen as the **Merced County Teacher of the Year**.

Each district will establish its own selection process. If you wish to participate, the Letter of Intent is due March 2, 2012. The deadline to return the enclosed packet is April 2, 2012, by 4 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase and recognize your teachers for the outstanding work they do every day.

This application is also available at www.mcoe.org/toyform

2012 Timeline

February 6-10	Packets sent to school
March 2	Letter of intent to participate due
April 2	All packets due by 4 p.m.
Week of April 30	Selection of county winner
October 4	Awards reception for all honorees - district and county

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Letter of Intent to Participate

(each school district/private or nonprofit center is limited to one nomination)

Name of School District/ECE Center: _____

Yes, we will participate by nominating a candidate for **Teacher of the Year** who may be selected as the **Merced County Teacher of the Year**. The county winner will go on to participate in the state **Teacher of the Year** program.

I would like a follow up contact to discuss my district's participation in the **Teacher of the Year** program.

District Superintendent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return by March 2, 2012 to:

Merced County Office of Education
Attention: Gayle Catuiza - (209) 381-5976, fax (209) 381-6774
632 W. 13th St. • Merced, CA 95341

Administrative contact:

Michelle Symes, Coordinator, Merced County Office of Education
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Teacher of the Year Application Procedure

Candidates must have been teaching for at least five years and are fully credentialed. **All applicants must be assigned to a classroom during the 2012-13 school year.** A candidate cannot nominate himself/herself. Names of former candidates and winners cannot be resubmitted for consideration. Packet must include the following items:

Application Requirements:

All applications must be typewritten using 12-point Arial font and line spacing of 1 1/2.

1) Typed Application Cover Sheet

2) Provide three one page statements on the following:

- How do you use observation and assessment to inform your instructional practices in order to improve student achievement.
- Please describe your personal view about teaching, including what aspects make you an outstanding teacher.
- If chosen as the **State Teacher of the Year**, you would serve as spokesperson for the state's teaching profession. What would be your message?

3) Resume that includes: (two-page maximum)

- a) Education
- b) Professional experience
- c) Service to education and the community
- d) Professional affiliations
- e) Recognition, awards, honors, grants, publications
- f) Staff development

4) Please provide three letters of support, one of which must be from your site principal. Two letters should be from a colleague, administrator, coworker, student, parent, and/or civic leader. Address letter to the attention of: *Teacher of the Year Selection Committee*.

Please do not include other materials, such as portfolios or press clippings. This application packet is also available on-line at www.mcoe.org/toyform.

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Teacher of the Year Application Cover sheet

This application is in conjunction with the California Department of Education's State Teacher of the Year Application.

Name:	Position:	Total Years Teaching Experience:
Home Address:	City/ Zip Code:	Years in Present Position:
School District:	School Site:	Major Subject Area:
Work Phone:	Work Address:	Grade Level(s):
School E-mail:	Home E-mail:	Mobile Phone:
School Principal/Supervisor:		Phone:

I give my permission that any or all of the material submitted as part of this nomination may be shared with persons interested in promoting this award.

Signature of Nominee: _____

District Superintendent: _____

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