



Austin Area Association for Bilingual Education

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2019 AAABE BILINGUAL EDUCATION ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

INTRODUCTION: At the heart of every successful bilingual education program are caring and dedicated teachers who believe in the value of bilingual education as a way to help language minority students excel academically. These are women and men who approach the teaching and learning process with a remarkable sense of responsibility and are guided in their actions by the deep seated conviction that every student is important, that education matters, and that one teacher can make a difference. These are indeed extraordinary educators whose daily work in the classroom is performed *con orgullo y excelencia*. In recognition of outstanding teaching and exemplary professional service by bilingual education teachers throughout Austin area, the Austin Area Association for Bilingual Education has established the AAABE Bilingual Education Elementary Teacher of the Year Award.

AWARD: The winner of the 2019 AAABE's Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year competition will be publicly acknowledged and honored during the ¡ADELANTE! Conference, where a special plaque will be presented to recognize her/his outstanding teaching. Registration will be provided for the winner to attend the AAABE ¡ADELANTE! Conference. Also, the winner automatically becomes the AAABE nominee for the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) Teacher of the Year competition, and travel costs and registration will be provided to attend the TABE Conference.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

NOMINATIONS: Anyone is eligible to nominate Bilingual Education teachers for this competition. An AAABE member can also self-nominate. Members holding the office of president of local AAABE affiliates are ineligible to participate in this competition. The selection is based on evidence of outstanding bilingual education instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees must meet these qualification requirements:

- Must currently be a full-time Bilingual Education classroom teacher, in a TEA- approved Bilingual Education program, and must have been an Austin-area Bilingual Education teacher for at least three consecutive years prior to receiving this award.
- Must be certified or endorsed in Bilingual Education.
- Must be an active member of AAABE and TABE.
- Must provide documentation that indicates that the nominee enjoys the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.
- Must exhibit distinguished leadership service to the profession and the community.



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PRESENTATION OF MATERIALS

As a nominee, you will be evaluated on a 100-point scale, with up to 70 points awarded based on a portfolio containing the following components, submitted in this order — *typed material must be double-spaced, using an easily readable font no smaller than 10 points:*

1. **Background Information**. Provide basic information, including a curriculum vitae containing such information as academic preparation, dates and titles of professional certificates or endorsements, professional work experience, membership in professional organizations and number of years as a member, and honors. *(Not to exceed 2 pages)*
2. **Biographical Profile (10 points)**. Describe specific events or experiences leading to your involvement in education, particularly Bilingual Education. *(Not to exceed 2 pages)*
3. **Philosophy of Education (20 points)**. In a narrative, reflect on your commitment to the profession, including a description of educational values and beliefs in the effectiveness of Bilingual Education. *(Not to exceed 2 pages)*
4. **Professional Development (15 points)**. List and describe your participation in professional organizations and service committees, commissions, task forces, workshops, and conferences, etc., including the number of years of service and membership for all of the above. *(Not to exceed 2 pages)*
5. **Community Service (10 points)**. List and briefly describe your participation in organizations, as well as personal efforts to improve Bilingual Education and social conditions in the community. *(Not to exceed 2 pages)*
6. **Letters of Support (15 points)**. Include documentation indicating that you have the respect and admiration of students, parents and past or current supervisors. *(1 from supervisor and 1 from a parent)*
7. **Photograph**. Include in your submission a high-quality color photograph of yourself.

IMPORTANT: Only requested materials and documentation will be evaluated!

FINALIST INTERVIEW (30 Points). After all entries are reviewed for the above criteria, two finalists will be notified to attend a scheduled interview with the AAABE Elementary Teacher of the Year selection committee. Each finalist will be notified by email of the selection and scheduled interview. Finalists will be evaluated on their ability to articulate critical issues in Bilingual Education.

DEADLINE. Portfolios — complete and packaged as specified above — must be **RECEIVED** by **12:00 midnight on February 10, 2019**. *Incomplete packages — or packages received after the deadline — will not be accepted.*

SUBMISSION. Application packages may be submitted in one of two ways:

- **Via Email**. All portfolio materials in PDF or Word format, and email them to *AustinAABE@gmail.com*.
- **Via U.S. Mail**. (1) Send the printout of all portfolio materials, or (2) a USB flash drive containing the signed nomination form saved in PDF format along with the rest of the portfolio



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DATA SHEET

NAME OF NOMINEE:

NOMINEE'S HOME ADDRESS: (include city, state, zip)

HOME PHONE: () -- _____ **WORK PHONE: () --** _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL:

GRADE LEVEL ASSIGNMENT: _____

YEARS IN PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all materials submitted by me for consideration for the **2019 AAABE BILINGUAL EDUCATION Elementary Teacher of the Year Award** may be shared with the persons involved in promoting this award.

(This page must be signed in order to be considered for the award.)



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