



AIR & SPACE FORCES ASSOCIATION

Mary Anne Thompson – Susan Mallett National Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Sponsored by Rolls-Royce, AFA's national award program recognizes extraordinary K-12 classroom teachers for their accomplishments in promoting STEM and preparing students to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This national-level award recognizes and rewards innovative teachers who go above and beyond to teach and/or integrate aerospace-related STEM topics/programs virtually, hybrid, or in person. The programs of a national-level winning teacher should have an impact beyond the community, should involve national-level programs or involvement, and should be replicable by others. The Thompson-Mallett National Teacher of the Year will act as the educational ambassador of AFA.

Guidelines and Criteria

The candidate must be a State Teacher of the Year selected during the current or past academic year. Thus, each State TOY is eligible for two years though the state may only submit one national nominee per year.

The teacher should submit to the State AEVP the following documents, with titles, to be included in the portfolio:

1. **EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** In outline form, listing colleges and universities attended; degrees earned and dates of attendance; and employment history including time period, grade level, and subject area. List professional association memberships and offices held; service on committees, commissions, and task forces; and other relevant activities. Also list leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers along with awards and other recognition.

Submission should be titled and limited to two (2) double-spaced pages.

2. **PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY:** List the influencing factors in becoming a teacher and include a description of greatest personal contributions and accomplishments in STEM education. In this section, a 2-3 statement paragraph should be included at the end to summarize and briefly describe the teacher to others, if selected as a winner. (The teacher knows best what his/her most impactful and important accomplishments would be to share with others.)

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3. NATIONAL AEROSPACE/STEM TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Describe the message and/or platform the teacher would like to communicate to the teaching profession and public as Teacher of the Year.

Submission should be titled and limited to one (1) double-spaced page.

4. THREE PAGES OF OTHER DOCUMENTATION: Optional but important three pages of newspaper articles, other documents, and/or photos with descriptions of the teacher conducting STEM activities with students. Ensure students in the photos have media release permission for use. IMPORTANT: One representative link to a 1-2 minute video that best showcases the teacher should be included on one of these pages entitled “Teacher video showing...”

Submission should be titled and limited to three (3) pages.

5. FOUR LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Four recent letters of support from:
 - a. AFA Chapter President (required);
 - b. AFA State President (required);
 - c. School system superintendent or equivalent level administrator (required);
 - d. A choice of one other letter of support from a colleague, student/former student, parent, or community leader.

Effective letters contain evidence of personal knowledge of the teacher and an indication of the qualities necessary for AFA’s Thompson-Mallett National Teacher of the Year.

Each letter should be limited to one (1) single-spaced page.

NOTE: Additional documentation and/or letters of support will result in negative scoring points.

Nomination packages for the Thompson-Mallett National Teacher of the Year should be compiled into one PDF package and sent to education@afa.org by June 30.

One teacher will be selected as the Thompson-Mallett National Teacher of the Year each year. In addition to serving as AFA’s educational ambassador, this teacher will receive \$3,000 and be invited to AFA’s National Convention and Air, Space, & Cyber Conference. A runner-up and second runner-up will each receive \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

Additional information can be found in the [Field Operations Guidebook](#) and at www.afa.org/TOY.





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Nominating Chapter/State: _____

State AEVP name & e-mail: _____

Teacher Information

Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Full Address: _____

Subject(s) taught: _____ Grade(s) taught: _____

Years in current teaching position: _____ Total years teaching: _____

School Information

School name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Principal: _____ Email: _____

Nomination Portfolio Checklist

NOTE: Please submit the package in the order below, adhering to page limits.

- Section 1: Educational History and Professional Development (limit 2 double-spaced pages)
- Section 2: Professional Biography with summarizing paragraph (limit 2 double-spaced pages)
- Section 3: National Aerospace/STEM TOY Message (limit 1 double-spaced page)
- Section 4: Optional 3 pages of Supporting Documents with one video link of teacher (limit 3 pages)
- Section 5: Four Letters of Support (limit 4 one-page letters)

State President Endorsement

State President: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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