## 2018 Minnesota Teacher of the Year nominations close Nov. 15

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 9, 2017 – Minnesotans have until Wednesday, Nov. 15, to nominate an outstanding educator for 2018 Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Nominations remain open through the end of the day Nov. 15. Nominations can be submitted online by accessing a simple nomination form on www.educationminnesota.org. The 2018 Teacher of the Year will be named at a ceremony May 6, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year also becomes Minnesota's candidate for National Teacher of the Year.



Eligible nominees must meet these criteria:

- Teach in a public or nonpublic Pre-K through 12th-grade school, Adult Basic Education program or ECFE program, working at least 50 percent of the time directly with students.
- Hold a bachelor's degree and a Minnesota teaching license.
- Have completed three years of teaching by the nomination deadline.
- Intend to teach during the 2018-19 school year.

Anyone may nominate a teacher. Self-nominations are also accepted.

The state program has been highly successful nationally – Minnesota ranks second behind California with four National Teachers of the Year.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, call Megan McKeen at 651-292-4872 or 800-652-9073.

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