

# 2017-2018 Magnet Teacher of the Year Application

## Mission Statement

*Providing leadership for high quality innovative instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.*



## ELIGIBILITY:

Nominees must be full-time magnet teachers (including specialists, resource/lead teachers) who:

- ✓ Have served as a teacher at one or more Pre-K or K-12 Magnet school(s) for a minimum of three years;
- ✓ Demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation in curriculum;
- ✓ Foster cooperation between the classroom and the community;
- ✓ Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as other staff;
- ✓ Keep abreast of developments in the field of education;
- ✓ Encourage team spirit;
- ✓ Maintain their position as principal through-out the 2017-2018 school year; and has the ability to travel and represent Magnet Schools of America as an Ambassador for the 2017-2018 school year if selected as National Magnet Teacher of the Year.

*ALL PREVIOUS MONETARY WINNERS are NOT eligible for five (5) years after the award.*



Magnet Schools of America's Magnet Teacher of the Year Award annually recognizes an outstanding, dedicated full-time teacher who exemplifies excellence in academic achievement through innovative programs that promote equity, diversity, and academic excellence for students in Magnet Schools

This teacher is acknowledged by peers, parents and students for his/her exemplary contributions made to their profession. He/She inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.

The awards honor a Pre-K through K-12 Magnet School Teacher who has demonstrated excellence in areas addressed by the selection criteria.

**The Magnet School must be a paid member for  
2017-2018 by December 1, 2017.**

*Membership inquiries, please call 202.824.0672*

## NOMINEE ASSURANCE AND SIGNATURE:

*I attest to the accuracy of the information submitted for review by the Teacher of the Year Committee and Reviewers and give my permission for Magnet Schools of America to publish and release any and all information included in this application.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## MAGNET DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE:

*I attest to the accuracy of the information submitted by the above nominee for the 2017-2018 Magnet Teacher of the Year Application.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRANSMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete applications will include the following items listed below, and **must be uploaded/submitted online at [www.magnet.edu](http://www.magnet.edu)** no later than **Tuesday, December 12, 2017** by the district Magnet Director/Designee. Late applications will not be accepted.

- ✓ **UPLOAD** - a signed 2017-2018 MSA TOY Signature Pages (p. 2 & 3); uploaded as a separate PDF
  - ✓ **COMPLETE ONLINE** - 2017-2018 MSA TOY Applicant Information Page
  - ✓ **COMPLETE ONLINE** - Application Criteria narrative
  - ✓ **UPLOAD** - Letter of Nomination explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award *submitted by the nominator*, signed and dated in PDF
  - ✓ **UPLOAD** - Three Letters of Recommendation, (including **one** from a parent, **one** from a community partner, AND **one** from a co-worker or an administrator) signed and dated, each letter saved and uploaded as a separate PDF
  - ✓ **UPLOAD** - Professional Resume in PDF
  - ✓ **UPLOAD** - Applicant Photo (head shot) in .jpg, .jpeg, .tiff or .png
- Print/Save a copy of all documents for your file.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

- ✓ Nominations for Teacher of the Year must be submitted by the district Magnet Director.
- ✓ Districts may submit more than one candidate.
- ✓ Only MSA Members/Districts may submit candidate nominations.
- ✓ Nomination packet materials:
  - The Magnet Teacher of the Year Signature Pages, **pages 2 and 3**, *signed (upload as separate PDFs)*;
  - Applicant Information, *complete online*;
  - Description of each Application Criteria (Narrative) listed on **pages 4 and 5**, *to demonstrate excellence of performance in leading a Magnet School, complete online*;
  - A letter of nomination explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award submitted by *the nominator*, *signed (upload as PDF)*;
  - Three letters of recommendation including **one** from a parent, **one** from a community partner, AND **one** from a co-worker or an administrator, *letters must be signed (upload as PDF individually)*;
  - A professional resume (*upload as PDF*); and
  - An applicant photo - head shot (*upload as .jpg, .jpeg, .tiff, or .png*).

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

*TO BE ENTERED ONLINE during the submission process*

Nominee:	Years as a Magnet Teacher:
School:	Grade Level(s):
Website:	Region:
School District:	Magnet Theme(s):
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary School (includes middle & high schools)	
Address:	City:
State:	Zip:
Phone:	Cell Phone:
Fax:	E-Mail:
<i>*I hereby verify that I, _____ (print name) am a certified / licensed teacher in the state of _____.</i>	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

*The Magnet Teacher of the Year Award will be announced at the National Conference on Magnet Schools in Chicago, Illinois.*

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OR COMPLETED APPLICATION  
ON OR BEFORE:**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT [WWW.MAGNET.EDU](http://WWW.MAGNET.EDU)

# APPLICATION CRITERIA

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Must be completed by the candidate or nominator*



## Regional Director Names and Emails

### **Region I**

*Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,  
New Hampshire, New Jersey, New  
York, Rhode Island, and Vermont*

Regional Director:

Arthur C. Arpin

[Region1@magnet.edu](mailto:Region1@magnet.edu)

### **Region II**

*Delaware, Maryland, Ohio,  
Pennsylvania, Virginia, West  
Virginia, The District of Columbia,  
and International*

Regional Director:

Bryan Stoll

[Region2@magnet.edu](mailto:Region2@magnet.edu)

### **Region III**

*Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto  
Rico, and Virgin Islands*

Regional Director:

Evonne Alvarez

[Region3@magnet.edu](mailto:Region3@magnet.edu)

### **Region IV**

*Kentucky, North Carolina, South  
Carolina, and Tennessee*

Regional Director:

Dr. Kim Morrison

[Region4@magnet.edu](mailto:Region4@magnet.edu)

- **Educational History and Professional Development Activities:** (30points) *no more than 4200 characters, including spaces*
  - ✓ Colleges and Universities attended, including post-graduate studies, indicating degrees earned and dates of attendance;
  - ✓ Teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area(s);
  - ✓ Professional association memberships and information about offices held and other relevant activities that demonstrate on-going learning and leadership in education;
  - ✓ Professional development leadership activity and leadership experience in the training of future leaders;
  - ✓ Conferences and workshops attended and presentations made that demonstrate leadership within the magnet school field and;
  - ✓ Awards and other recognition of teaching accomplishments.
  
- **Professional Biography:** (10 points) *no more than 2500 characters, including spaces*
  - ✓ Factors that influenced you to become a teacher and;
  - ✓ Description of what you consider being your greatest education contributions and accomplishments as a magnet teacher.
  
- **Community/Parental Involvement:** (15 points) *no more than 3500 characters, including spaces*
  - ✓ Describe your commitment to the community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities;
  - ✓ Describe how you have worked to develop community partnerships into your magnet theme lessons and;
  - ✓ Describe how you encourage magnet parents to play a role in your classroom.

## Cont'd... APPLICATION CRITERIA

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- **Philosophy of Teaching:** (20 points) *no more than 3500 characters, including spaces*
  - ✓ Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including ideas about working with equity and diversity within the classroom and;
  - ✓ Describe one unique unit that you teach and have developed, that aligns with your magnet theme(s).
  
- **Teaching Profession:** (25 points) *no more than 5600 characters, including spaces*
  - ✓ Efforts that you have taken to strengthen and improve the magnet teaching profession;
  - ✓ Describe how you build capacity with your colleagues by mentoring newer teachers in the magnet mission;
  - ✓ Describe a lesson or unit that you teach that differentiates various student learning styles. Give special attention to technology, if you can;
  - ✓ Describe how you bring diverse groups of learners together to work for a common goal in your classroom; and
  - ✓ Describe how you collaborate with other teachers to foster the interaction of students between/among grade levels.

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## Regional Director Names and Emails

### **Region V**

*Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico,  
Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Texas*

Regional Director:

Theresa Porter

[Region5@magnet.edu](mailto:Region5@magnet.edu)

### **Region VI**

*Illinois, Indiana, Michigan,  
Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin*

Regional Director:

Jeffrey Peterson

[Region6@magnet.edu](mailto:Region6@magnet.edu)

### **Region VII**

*Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana,  
Nebraska, North Dakota, South  
Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming*

Regional Director:

Dr. Kim Burkhalter

[Region7@magnet.edu](mailto:Region7@magnet.edu)

### **Region VIII**

*Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii,  
Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington,  
American Samoa, Marianas Islands,  
and Trust Territory of the Pacific*

Regional Director:

Gia Moore

[Region8@magnet.edu](mailto:Region8@magnet.edu)