



Oklahoma Technology Association 2014 Teacher of the Year/Making It Happen Application/Nomination

Purpose of Award: This award is presented to a teacher from an OTA member district who exhibits exemplary integration of technology in the classroom teaching and learning process.

Criteria: Nominated teachers must model and apply the National Education Technology Standards for Teachers (NETS*S) as they design, implement, and assess learning experiences to engage students and improve learning; enrich professional practice; and, provide positive models for students, colleagues, and the community. See all criteria:

<http://www.iste.org/docs/pdfs/nets-t-standards.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Award Winners: OTA will choose two (2) finalists (one each from the elementary and secondary levels) who recognize and integrate a wide variety of technology tools and strategies to enhance the learning by all students.

Applications/Nominations: Applications/nominations must be received by midnight on **Friday, September 10, 2014**. All application/nomination materials must be submitted electronically to Kristy Ehlers at confexhibits@gmail.com by the deadline. Incomplete applications/nominations will not be considered. Application/nomination materials may be submitted as an individual document, PDF, and/or JPG formats. Application/nomination materials should be labeled and saved by part (A, B, C, etc).

Award: Award recipients will receive statewide recognition, a plaque, and expenses paid to the 2014 International Society of Technology Education (ISTE) Conference in Atlanta, June 28 – July 1. OTA will pay for the award winner's conference registration directly to ISTE. OTA will reimburse expenses to the award winner up to \$1500 to defray costs to attend ISTE, and compete in the national awards program. The expense reimbursement will be limited to the least expensive round trip air ticket available and original receipts for hotel, meals, tips, taxi, airport parking and other legitimate expenses. Reimbursement is for the award winner only, and OTA will not reimburse for liquor, snacks, souvenirs, and similar personal expenses.

Questions: Contact Kristy Ehlers and/or Ronda Townsend for questions about this application/nomination.

Kristy Ehlers, confexhibits@gmail.com

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Part A: Teacher Profile

The following information should be included as the first page of the application/nomination.

Applicant's/Nominee's Name
Grade Level(s)/Subject(s) Taught
Total Number of Years in Teaching
School Site(s)
School District
School District Address, including Zip code
Superintendent's Name
Superintendent's Email Address

Part B: Nomination Statement

The Nomination Statement is a narrative written by a representative of the OTA member district who provides the reason for nominating the individual as an outstanding teacher. The narrative is limited to 2000 words, two (2) pages in length, 10-12 point font, Arial or Times New Roman, and 1" margins.

Review the criteria at <http://www.iste.org/docs/pdfs/nets-t-standards.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Part C: Nominee Résumé or Curriculum Vitae

Attach electronically a copy of the applicant's/nominee's current résumé or curriculum vitae. The document can be a scanned document. Ensure the document includes the applicant's/nominee's professional experience, educational affiliations, and other relevant information.

Part D: Lesson Plan

The lesson plan should describe a typical lesson in which technology is infused into both teaching and student learning. The lesson should align to both NETS for Students (<http://www.iste.org/standards/nets-for-students>) and current state standards and skills for technology. The lesson plan may be submitted in the format preferred by the teacher's school district.

Part E: Still Images

Include four (4) to six (6) still photographs of the teacher interacting with students while teaching. Photographs may be used in print media or on the OTA website. The signed Photography Release form must be submitted as part of the submission materials. Ensure that images of students are allowed for publication based on your school district's policy.

Part F: Letters of Recommendation

Three (3) letters of recommendation may be included in the application/nomination.

