



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS COMPETITIVE EVENTS

TAFE TEACHER LEADER OF THE YEAR

SELECTION PROCESS

OBJECTIVE:

To recognize a teacher leader for his/her outstanding contributions to TAFE.

OVERVIEW:

The Texas Association of Future Educators' Board of Directors authorized a Teacher Leader of the Year Award beginning in 1996-97. Each area may nominate one teacher leader who is currently an active teacher leader in TAFE, whose school has been a member of TAFE for at least two years, who will then vie for the statewide honor.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

AREA:

- A. Students wanting to nominate their teacher leader or teacher leaders wanting to nominate their colleague for this prestigious award should submit a nomination letter to their area president teacher leader prior to or at the area conference.
- B. The area president's teacher leader will present all nomination letters to TAFE teacher leaders in attendance at the area conference.
- C. Teacher leaders will vote on the area nominee by secret ballot.
- D. Teacher leaders are eligible to win at the area level once every three years.

STATE:

- A. The area Teacher Leader of the Year will be their nominee for the state Teacher Leader of the Year. **The nominee will complete the TAFE Teacher Leader of the Year Application and submit it ONLINE no later than January 30, 2026.**
- B. The state Teacher Leader of the Year selection committee will consist of 3 TASSP principals not associated with the schools of the nominees.
- C. This committee will review applications and select the TAFE Teacher Leader of the Year. Announcement of the Teacher Leader of the Year will take place during the Teach Tomorrow Summit.
- D. Teacher leaders will be scored on the following:
 - a. Nomination letters from the following:
 - i. Nominee's school principal or administrator
 - ii. Nominee's TAFE student president or designee
 - iii. Nomination Letter written on your behalf from a teacher leader in your area
 - b. Local involvement: willingness to support chapter activities with adequate time and energy; appropriate representation of chapter's activities to faculty and administration; enthusiastic proponent of TAFE in local community; and model appropriate leadership styles for students.
 - c. Area/State involvement: promotes participation by the local chapter in state recognition programs; promotes participation by local students in the annual state conference; regularly attends state and area activities; and is willing to serve in leadership capacity in the state and area structure.



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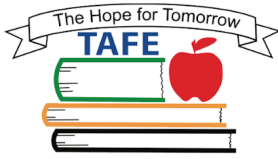
- d. Recognition and award: experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received which support your candidacy for the TAFE Teacher Leader of the Year Award.
- E. TAFE nomination form should:
 - a. Be typed in detail.
 - b. Include all three recommendation letters
 - c. Do not include additional pictures, newspaper clippings, additional materials, or extra sheets.
 - d. Should you have any questions, please contact the TAFE state office in Austin, (512) 443-2100 ext. 8512

JUDGES SCORING:

TOTAL:

- 1. Nomination Letters
 - a. Nominee's school principal or administrator _____/10
 - b. Nominee's TAFE student president or designee _____/10
 - c. Nomination Letter from a teacher leader in your area _____/10
- 2. Local Activities _____/20
- 3. State/Area Leadership Positions _____/30
- 4. Recognition Award _____/20

TOTAL POINTS: Possible 100 points _____/100



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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All information requested on this form must be typed.
2. Please include a photo.
3. Attachments other than recommendations will not be considered.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

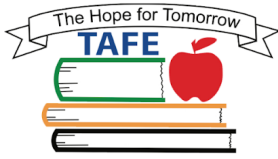
Name of Area Nominee	
Area	
Home Address	
City/State/Zip	
School Name	
School Address	
School Phone	
E-Mail	
Official school position	

Number of years as TAFE Teacher Leader: _____

Chapter's annual dues current: (circle one) yes no

1. NOMINATION LETTERS: Attach typewritten recommendations from

- a. Nominee's school principal or administrator - 10 points
- b. Nominee's TAFE student president or designee - 10 points
- c. Nomination Letter written on your behalf from a teacher leader in your area - 10 points



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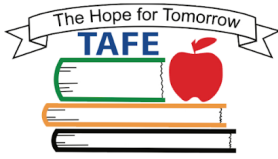
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2. LOCAL ACTIVITIES: POSSIBLE 20 POINTS

List the ten most important activities within your school and/or community in which you have participated for the betterment of both.

Activity Title and Year	Accomplishment



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3. AREA/STATE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: POSSIBLE 30 POINTS

List the ten most important elected or appointed positions in which you were directly responsible for TAFE activities. For example, offices held in the state association, coordinating and/or hosting conferences, discussion group leader, etc.

Leadership Position and Year	Activity or Organization



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4. RECOGNITION AND AWARD: POSSIBLE 20 POINTS

List ten experiences, honors, or recognitions that you have received which support your candidacy for the TAFE Teacher Leader of the Year Award.

Recognition or Award and Year	Activity or Organization

I certify that the above information is true.

Signature of Nominee

Date