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**2017 WYOMING TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

**Section I: General Information and Signatures**

Nominee Name:

Home Address:

 City State Zip Code Telephone

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

School Name:

School Address:

 City State Zip Code Telephone

School Profile (check one): Urban Suburban Rural

Number of Students in Nominee's District: Building:

Major Subject Area (if any): Grade Level:

Total Years of Teaching Experience:

Years in Present Position:

**I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials, other than my date of birth, may be shared with persons interested in promoting the National Teacher of the Year Program. I also acknowledge that if selected as the 2017 National Teacher of the Year, I will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of my recognition in order to fulfill the obligations inherent in the honor.**

Signature of Candidate Date:

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**Section I. Continued**

**SCHOOL/BUILDING PRINCIPAL**

Name: Title:

School Name:

School Address:

 City State Zip Code Telephone

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2017 National Teacher of the Year, they will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

Signature of School Principal: Date:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

Name: Title:

District Name & Address:

 City State Zip Code Telephone

**I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2017 National Teacher of the Year, they will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.**

Signature of District Superintendent: Date:

**STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Name: Tracy Stibitz Title: Teacher of the Year Program Coordinator

Agency Wyoming Department of Education \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Cheyenne WY 82002 307-777-8979\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section II: Educational History and Professional Development Activities**

 Format not to exceed two double-spaced pages or attach a Curriculum Vitae addressing:

 A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.

 B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.

 C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.

 D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.

 E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

**Section III: Professional Biography**

Format not to exceed two double spaced pages.

 A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

**Section IV: Community Involvement**

Format not to exceed one double-spaced page.

 A. Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities.

**Section V: Philosophy of Teaching**

Format not to exceed two double spaced pages.

 A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.

 B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

**Section** **VI: Education Issues and Trends**

Format not to exceed two double spaced pages.

 A. What do you consider to be the major public education issues today?

 Address **one** in depth, outlining possible causes, effects, and resolutions.

**Section VII: The Teaching Profession**

Format not to exceed two double spaced pages.

 A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?

 B. What do you believe should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

**Section VIII: Wyoming Teacher of the Year**

Format not to exceed two double spaced pages.

 A. As the 2017 Wyoming Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the general public?

**Section IX: Letters of Support**

No greater than three letters, each not to exceed a maximum of one page.

1. Include three letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student or former student, parent or civic leader.