

## **Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year Nomination**

The purpose of the TOY program is to recognize classroom teachers at the Chapter, State, and National level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize and reward special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure.

There are three levels of the Teacher of the Year Award: Chapter, State/Regional, and National. The Hurlburt Chapter of the Air Force Association recognizes teachers with three awards, one each at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In addition, we will select one of those honorees as our overall Teacher of the Year and nominate that individual to compete for State/Regional and National Teacher of the Year.

Each honoree, along with their school's principal, will be recognized at the Hurlburt Chapter's Spring Awards Banquet and will receive a \$250 grant. In addition, the overall Chapter Teacher of the Year will receive an additional \$250 grant and be submitted as our nominee to the Florida Regional Teacher of the Year competition. Our 2008 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Leo Murphy of the Choctawhatchee Aviation Institute was the Air Force Association's National Teacher of the Year.

There are three parts to this document. The first details items to be completed by all applicants for the Chapter Level competition. Page one is basic information and page two is information needed to craft a press release for our local media. Page three details the format for the nomination; including an outline of education/professional development, a short biography, any letter of support/recommendation, and a narrative of specific aerospace or STEM educational activities conducted in the classroom or with students.

If you have questions, contact John Jogerst at [jjogerst@aol.com](mailto:jjogerst@aol.com) .

Nominations should be completed by 15 February, 2010 and sent to:

Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398  
PO Box 9418  
Hurlburt Field, FL 32544

Electronic submissions can be sent to [HurlburtAFA@cox.net](mailto:HurlburtAFA@cox.net) .



**MEDIA RELEASE INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION FOR PRESS COVERAGE**

This information will be used by the various AFA levels to contact the local media about the TOY awards. Please provide as much information as possible.

**Name of Base Newspaper**

Name:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Fax:

**Name of Daily Newspaper**

Name:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Fax:

**Name of local Television Station**

Name:

E-Mail:

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**Name of local Radio Station**

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**(Pages 3-14 as appropriate)**

## **Section 1: Educational History and Professional Development**

**(Limit Section to 2 double spaced pages)**

- a. This section must be in outline form.
- b. List colleges and universities attended, including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- c. List teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area.
- d. Include professional association memberships, offices held, service on committees, commissions, and task forces and other relevant activities.
- e. List leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers.
- f. List awards and other recognition of your teaching.

## **Section 2: Professional Biography**

**(Limit each response to 1 double spaced page)**

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

## **Section 3: Letters of Support**

**(Include two letters of support—each is limited to 1 double spaced page)**

- a. One letter must be from the superintendent or equivalent level administrator.
- b. The other may be from a colleague, student, former student, student's parent or community leader.
- c. An effective letter of support contains evidence of personal knowledge of the teacher and an indication of the qualities which would qualify the candidate as a Teacher of the Year.
- d. In order for the letters to be used for all three levels of competition, do not refer to a specific level, such as "Chapter Teacher of the Year", or "State Teacher of the Year." Simply address the candidate's qualifications as a "Teacher of the Year."

## **Section 4: Aerospace Activities**

**(Please limit to 6 pages)**

- a. This area should include narrative descriptions of the Aerospace or STEM activities conducted by the teacher in the classroom or other settings. The narrative should clearly show the involvement of the students, the benefits from these activities, and how the activities stimulated learning.
- b. This area may also include documentation of the activities (newspaper articles, photos of the activity and students, excerpts from lesson plans, photos of project outcomes, etc.)
- c. Please do not attach multi-page lesson plans, magazines, teaching aids, or other items.

### **Note to the applicant:**

**In the event you are chosen as the State Nominee for National Teacher of the Year, you will be asked to provide a 1 page double spaced response to the following. You may submit the response as a part of your original package, or wait until the input is requested.**

*As the 2010 National Aerospace Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative of the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and the public?*