**Teacher and Principal of the Year Recommendation Form (Optional)**

State-level candidates are scored on the following criteria. As such, recommendations should provide evidence of one or more of the following criteria. Addressing additional information is also acceptable.

· Demonstrates **excellence and expertise** in the field, **guiding students** (and for principals, also teachers) of **all** backgrounds and abilities to **achieve success**.

· Demonstrates **leadership** and **innovation** in and outside the school building walls and **helps students/education stakeholders be successful.**

· **Builds collaborative relationships** with **colleagues, students and families** to create a **school culture** that is respectful, inclusive and **positively impacts** **student growth and learning.**

· **Deliberately connects** the classroom/school to the **community** to positively **impact the students, school and community.**

· **Is** **inspiring, compelling, professiona**l and expresses themselves in an **engaging and clear way**, and has the ability to **connect with and represent** the state.

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| **TEACHER/PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR INFORMATION** | |
| Indicate Teacher or Principal |  |
| Candidate’s Name |  |
| School System Name |  |
| School Name |  |

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| RECOMMENDER INFORMATION | |
| Recommender’s Name |  |
| Recommender’s relationship to the Nominee |  |

**In the textbox below, explain your reason for recommending this person as a Teacher or Principal of the Year candidate.**

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