

New Teacher of the Year - Candidate's Online Portal Guide 2023-2024 School Year

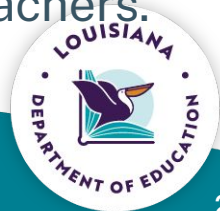


December 12, 2023

January 11, 2024

Louisiana's Teacher and Principal of the Year Programs

- The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success.
- Annually, the Department, in partnership with [Dream Teachers](#) and the [Louisiana Association of Principals](#), honors the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs.
- The Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year awards programs provide an opportunity to acknowledge those educators who are making exceptional gains with students.
- The **New** Teacher of the Year has been added to these current award programs to recognize the contributions of Louisiana's first year teachers.



New Teacher of the Year Qualifications

This program will recognize the outstanding contributions of a ***first year*** teacher. Therefore, on the application deadline, ***the new teacher must have less than one year of full time teaching experience.***

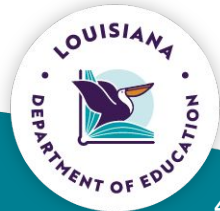
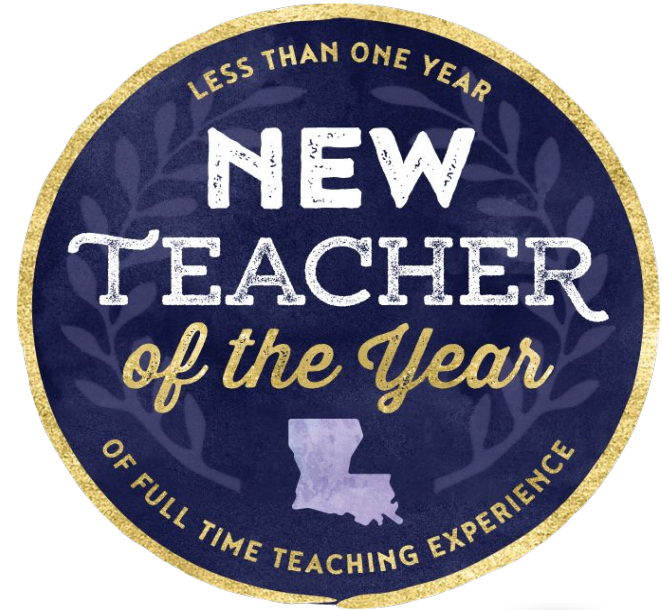
Additionally, the applicant must teach full time in a publicly funded school in Louisiana.



New Teacher of the Year- Benefits to Candidates

Provides participating educators with the following benefits:

- Opportunity
- Growth
- Connections
- Celebration
- Focus
- Advocacy



Timeline

Informational Call for Candidates	December 12 and January 11	Informational calls to share details regarding this year's New Teacher of the Year process
Applications due	January 26	Candidates are to submit their application in the New Teacher of the Year online application portal
Finalists Announced	Spring 2024	The Department names the 9 New Teacher of the Year Finalists (3 elementary, 3 middle, and 3 high)
Finalists Interviewed	May 2024	9 Finalist interviewed at Teacher Leader Summit
Gala	July 2024	New Teacher of the Year announced



Candidate Online Application Portal

State-level candidates will add their application materials to the candidate's [online portal](#) by **January 26, 2024**.



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New Teacher of the Year Application

The Louisiana Department of Education in partnership with Dream Teachers recognizes and celebrates some of the state's most exceptional educators through the New Teacher of the Year program. This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge those new teachers who are already demonstrating excellence in the classroom. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

An exemplary candidate for New Teacher of the Year is one who:

- Demonstrates excellence and expertise in the field, guiding students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve success.
- Collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture that is respectful, inclusive, and positively impacts student growth and learning.
- Intentionally connects the classroom/school and key stakeholders to build strong community partnerships resulting in success for all.
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the school building walls and helps students/education stakeholders be successful.
- Is inspiring, compelling, professional and expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way. The candidate is both timeless and relevant and has the ability to connect with and represent the state.

APPLY

Opens

Nov 30 2021 12:00 AM (CST)

Deadline

Feb 18 2022 12:00 AM (CST)



New Teacher of the Year - Application Overview

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Your tasks

- Applicant Information >
- Reflection Questions >
- Teaching Video and Lesson Plan >
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Applicant Information

Add basic information

Form for "Applicant Information"

This is my form.

Applicant Name

Applicant School Name

Applicant School System

Grade(s) Taught

Subject(s) Taught

Certification Type/Number



Applicant Information

Add information and either “Save & Continue Editing” or “Mark as Complete.”

Certification Type/Number

Applicant Email Address

Applicant Phone Number

Bio: Add your professional bio in the textbox below. Please follow the guidelines outlined here. (250 words or less)

Original Social Media Quote: Add an original social media quote (that could be used in print) in the textbox below that captures the essence of you as an educator. (280 character limit)

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Part One - Complete

Click on “Reflection Questions” for next step.

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- Applicant Information Completed on: Dec 30 2021 11:50 AM (CST)
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Reflection Questions

Complete three reflection questions. Each one must be 750 words or less.

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Form for "Reflection Questions"

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Reflection Question 1 Add your response to the following prompt in the textbox below. **Note- You may also submit supplemental materials to accompany your response in the last step in this application portal. (Documents may be in any format, such as a chart, news article, video, photos, etc.)**

Why did you decide to become an educator? What impact have you had on students in your first few months in the classroom? In your response, provide specific examples of how you currently and will continue to meet Louisiana's educational priorities: (You may write about one or more priorities.)

- Ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree, or service
- Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children
- Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment
- Cultivate high-impact systems, structures, and partnerships
- Develop and retain a diverse, highly effective educator workforce (750 words or less)



Reflection Question 2 Add your response to the following prompt in the textbox below. **You may also submit supplemental materials to accompany your response in the last step in this application portal. (Documents may be in any format, such as a chart, news article, video, photos, etc.)**

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Reflection Questions

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There are many challenges to attracting students to pursue a career in education. How did your expectations of teaching align to the realities of teaching? What would you say to young people about why pursuing a career in education is a good choice? (750 words or less)

Reflection Question 3 Add your response to the following prompt in the textbox below. You may also submit supplemental materials to accompany your response in the last step in this application portal. (Documents may be in any format, such as a chart, news article, video, photos, etc.)

How do you ensure that you are continuously growing as an educator? Where do you want to be professionally in five years? Ten years? (750 words or less)

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Part Two - Complete


Click on “Teaching Video and Lesson Plan” for next step.


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Teaching Video

Add the YouTube video URL in the textbox provided. Lesson plan will be uploaded in the last step of the application process.

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Teaching Video and Lesson Plan

Form for "Teaching Video and Lesson Plan"

Teaching Video/Lesson Plan

TEACHING VIDEO/LESSON PLAN: Add the YouTube video URL in the textbox below. Upload a copy of your lesson plan with your application in the last step in this application portal.

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Part Three - Complete

Click on “Signatures/Approval” for next step.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for the Louisiana Department of Education. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the word "Education" on the left and "Programs" and "My Application" on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a vertical list of application steps: "Applicant Information", "Reflection Questions", "Teaching Video and Lesson Plan", "Signatures/Approval", and "Consent forms, Lesson plan, and additional documents". The "Teaching Video and Lesson Plan" step is highlighted with a green checkmark and a right-pointing arrow, indicating it is the current and completed step. Below this list is a progress bar showing "3 of 5 tasks complete" and a timestamp "Last edited: Dec 30 2021 01:57 PM (CST)". The right column displays the details for the "Teaching Video and Lesson Plan" step, including a green checkmark icon, a document icon, the title "Teaching Video and Lesson Plan", and the completion date "Completed Dec 30 2021 01:57 PM (CST)". Below this is a section titled "Form for 'Teaching Video and Lesson Plan'" with instructions: "TEACHING VIDEO/LESSON PLAN: Add the YouTube video URL in the textbox below. Upload a copy of your lesson plan with your application in the last step in this application portal." A text input field labeled "video link" is visible below the instructions.



Signatures

Add your principal's name and your signature. Then, "Mark as Complete."

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Signatures/Approval ...

Form for "Signatures/Approval" ✓ Draft saved

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Principal/School Leader Name

Applicant Signature

Signing here indicates that your supervisor supports the submission of your application and all information presented in this application is true.

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Part Four - Complete

Click on “Consent Forms, Lesson Plan and Additional Documents” for next step.

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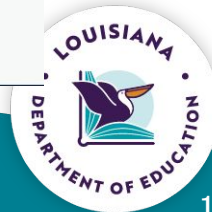

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Principal/School Leader Name

Principal XX

Applicant Signature

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Consent Forms, Lesson Plan, Additional Documents

Upload all necessary documents. Include any additional (optional) documents

The screenshot shows a web application interface for document upload. On the left is a sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area displays a task titled "Consent forms, Lesson plan, and additional documents" with three action buttons: "ATTACH FILE", "LINK TO VIDEO", and "MARK AS COMPLETE". A large blue arrow points to the "MARK AS COMPLETE" button.

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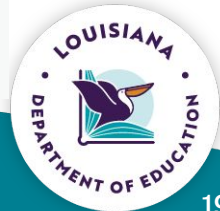
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ATTACH FILE LINK TO VIDEO

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Part Five - Complete

All five steps should be complete. Click “Submit.”

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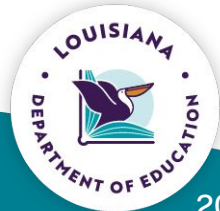

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✓ Consent forms, Lesson plan, and additional documents Completed Dec 30 2021 02:54 PM (CST) ...

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Confirm the submission of your application

The screenshot shows the Louisiana Department of Education's application portal. The user is logged in as Laurie Carlton. The application progress is as follows:

- Applicant Information (Completed)
- Reflection Questions (Completed)
- Teaching Video and Lesson Plan (Completed)
- Signatures/Approval (Completed)
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Buttons: REVIEW, SUBMIT

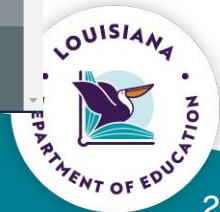
Dialog Box: Submit application

Please confirm submission of your application.

If you wish to take a look at the application before submitting, please Review it.

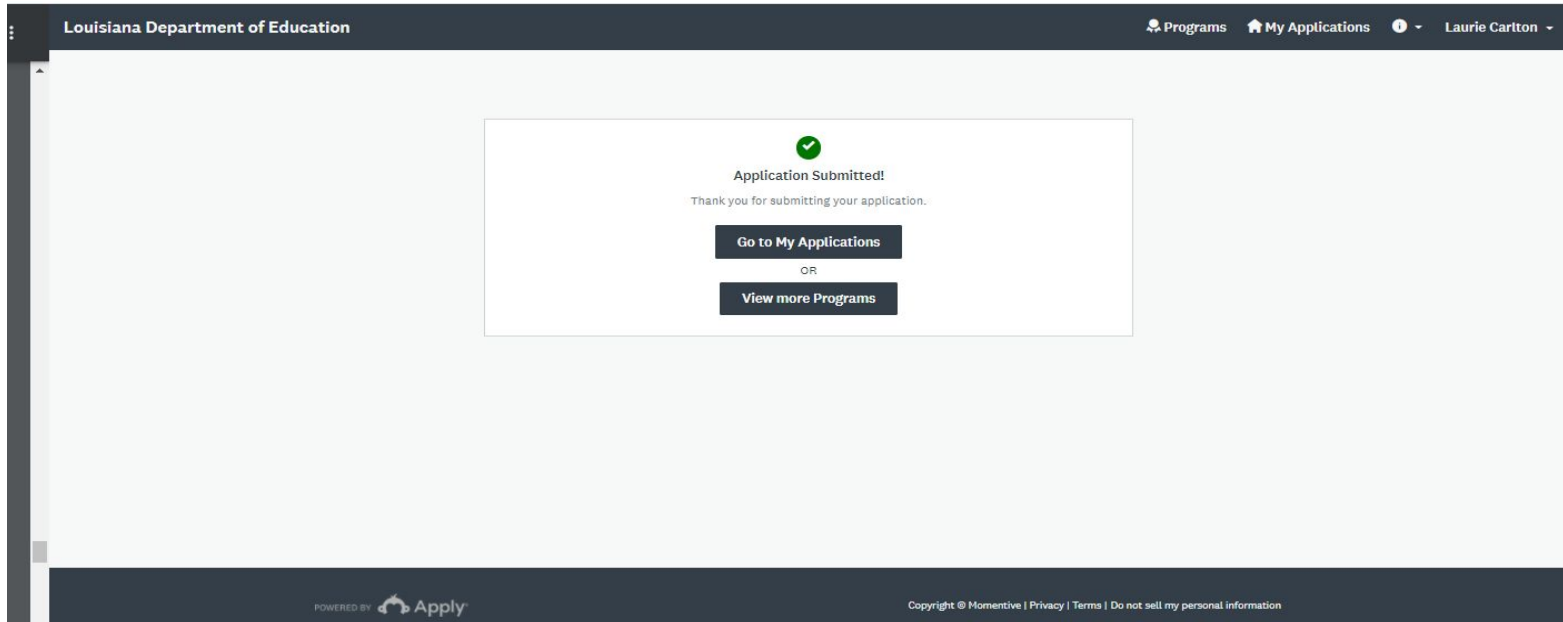
Buttons: CANCEL, REVIEW, SUBMIT

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Successful Submission Verification

After submitting your application, you will see “Application Submitted!”



Resources



State-Level Criteria + Rubric

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- Demonstrates **excellence** and **expertise** in the field, guiding students of **all** backgrounds and abilities to **achieve success**.
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- Demonstrates **leadership and innovation in and outside** of the **school** building walls and helps students/education stakeholders be successful.
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New Teacher of the Year Video

- Teaching videos should not exceed 15 minutes and may be edited. Teaching may take place in person, virtually, and/or be hybrid.
- Teaching video suggestion- Divide the video into three segments. Suggested segment time is listed as a guide only, as candidates may utilize the time as needed.
 1. Description of the lesson (three minutes or less)
 2. Classroom lesson (ten minutes or less)
 3. Debrief of lesson (three minutes or less)
- In the state-level online application, videos must be submitted as a YouTube video link.



New Teacher of the Year Video (continued)

- The state review team will be looking for evidence of the following:
 - Effective classroom management
 - High student engagement and innovative techniques that reach all students regardless of teaching platform
 - Utilization of high quality curricula and resources
 - Checking for understanding

View the [New Teacher of the Year Video Guidance](#) for further details.



Candidate and Student Consent Forms

- Teachers must sign and submit the Department's Candidate Consent Forms in the state-level online [application portal](#).
- Students featured in the state-level application, whether in video, film, audio, photography, recording, etc., must have their guardian sign and return the Department's Student Consent Form.
- If possible, the candidate should scan all Student Consent Forms into one PDF and submit that one document in the state-level online application portal. An alternative will be available for those who don't have access to a scanner.

Click the link to view the [Candidate Consent Form](#).

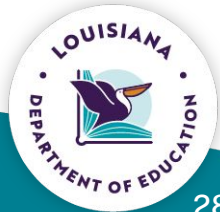
Click the link to view the [Student Consent Form](#).



Sample *New Teacher of the Year* Applications

2023 New Teacher of the Year: [Jordyn Vicknair](#)

2024 New Teacher of the Year: [Phoenix LeBlanc](#)



New Teacher of the Year Materials

Use the links below for easy access to all application materials.

- [**New Teacher of the Year Timeline**](#)
- [**New Teacher of the Year Rubric**](#)
- [**New Teacher of the Year Application**](#)
- [**New Teacher of the Year Video Guidance**](#)
- [**Candidate Consent Form**](#)
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- [**Sample New Teacher of the Year Application: Phoenix LeBlanc**](#)



Questions?

Contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with any questions.

