

2012 Teacher of the Year  
State, Regional, and National Teacher of the Year

Reading through the website for what to complete on the portfolio and what to prepare for regional is a little daunting. I am going to list what you need to turn in to me by January 30, 2012 so that it will be a little clearer. We must adhere strictly to the deadline. Some states required that a few of the documents be done for state Teacher of the Year so you may have some of this done.

The following will be turned in to Lynette Fujimori on 8½" by 11" paper in 12 font type. Print on one side only. Do not put anything in plastic sleeves. The portfolio will be scanned by SWCOLT and put online for the judges to read.

The FIRST PAGE must be the NOMINATION COVER PAGE (available at <http://www.swcolt.org/TOYNominationForm.pdf>) completed by an officer of the state language association. You must also include:

1. Letter of recommendation from a professional colleague.
2. Letter of recommendation from a supervisor.
3. Letter of recommendation from a current or former parent or student.
4. Curriculum Vitae of no more than five (5) pages.
5. Five-hundred-word (500) first person statement on the value of learning language and culture.
6. Statement of willingness to participate in all required activities associated with the award including:
  - ~~a. A commitment to attend the regional conference for a personal interview.~~ a. A commitment to attend the regional conference for a personal interview. (The state association may provide reimbursement of some expenses);
  - b.If selected as their regional winner, consent and commitment to be nominated by SWCOLT as the ACTFL National Foreign Language Teacher of the Year.
  - c.If selected as their regional winner, a commitment to attend the ACTFL annual convention. The hotel, registration and transportation are paid for by ACTFL and,
  - d.Willingness to serve as a spokesperson for the profession, based on availability
7. Examples of student work (up to five individual examples, one page and one-sided only) that reflect the goals of the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning.
  8. Elective commentary (not to exceed 5 pages total) that describes how the student work examples are representative of the following:
    - a.The connection between the student work and how you address the national standards in your classroom;
    - b.The connection between the student work examples and how you use and promote target language communication in the classroom;
    - c.How the student work examples demonstrate differentiation of

- d. instruction and/or assessment to meet the needs of all learners;  
How the chosen examples demonstrate how you integrate culture into instruction and/or assessment; and
- e. The type of feedback provided to students on this work.

## INTERVIEW PROCESS

You will need to plan your arrival to be in Fort Worth around 5 o'clock on Thursday evening before the conference. We will begin our interviews at that time.

Part I- The Oral Interview will be a participation in a mock press conference or mock address to a civic group and you will be timed to give the first 2 minutes of a ten minute speech on an issue of current interest in national foreign language policy.

Part II-Questioning: You will answer questions by the selection committee with a two to three minute (about 1 minute per question) response. The questions will be

Question 1- culture in the classroom

Question 2- professional involvement

Question 3- value of language learning.

If you add up the above pages above, it could be from 25-30 in the portfolio. You may complete the rest of the pages if you are chosen as the regional candidate to go on to national.

CHANGES THAT BEGAN IN 2007 – ACTFL no longer required a video before you are selected to go on to national.

A complete list of what you will need to do, if selected as the regional Teacher of the Year, is on the ACTFL website at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org). You may click on membership > awards >Teacher of the Year if you need more information.

If you have additional questions, please contact

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