

Duties of Regional Teacher of the Year

Duties for the SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year are divided into two categories: required and optional. A \$1000 stipend will be awarded to the SWCOLT's Regional Teacher of the Year who agrees to perform the duties of this position as outlined below.

Required Duties

1. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year will select an action area related to promoting study of world languages to implement during his/her one year term -- a year-long project to plan following their selection at spring conference, implement during academic year, and report on at the following spring conference SWCOLT board meeting.
2. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year will present a session based on his/her action area at the following year's regional conference.
3. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year will be seated at the Speakers' Table at the following conference's Awards Luncheon. The Teacher of the Year will announce the current year's winner of this award.
4. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year is invited to attend the conference board meetings -- in the year of his / her selection (if possible, based on travel arrangements) and at the end of his / her term.
5. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year will submit an article for publication in the SWCOLT fall newsletter (submission deadline August 1). The article may be based on pre & post observations on his/her action area, or the essay component of his / her nomination dossier on the value of learning languages and cultures.
6. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year will attend the November ACTFL conference, representing SWCOLT in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Optional Duties

1. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year may make himself / herself available to attend, address or present at state and/or local conferences throughout our nine-state region. Arrangements and funding for the Teacher of the Year's attendance at state and local events will be conducted directly between the Teacher of the Year and the sponsoring organization.
2. The SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year may participate in any number of "publicity" / "advocacy" initiatives in conjunction with the goals of the New Visions in Action Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force "to create as many media opportunities as possible to increase the visibility of the importance of learning languages and cultures to the general public."

Declaration of Intent

I agree to perform the duties of the SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year as outlined above.

(signature)

(date)

The duties of the SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year as delineated above may be superseded by the duties of the National Teacher of the Year should our candidate be named to that position.

The Southwest Conference on Language Teaching will continue to seek corporate or community sponsorship to help underwrite the endeavors of our region's Teacher of the Year.