

# 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION



IN RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PROFESSION THE ILLINOIS  
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DRIVER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
SPONSORED ANNUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2019

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this award is to give recognition to driver and traffic safety education teachers who exemplify the highest standards of their profession; and who, through their influence past and present, on the lives of the young people under their direction have made significant contributions to their school and communities traffic safety.

**CRITERIA:** The candidate shall be an active ISBE certified driver education teacher and a member of IHSCDEA for at least 3 years who is recognized in their community as an integral part of the total education program. The candidate shall conduct an exemplary safety education program making full use of school and community resources. Specifically, they must have outstanding achievements in two areas:

- 1) The candidate must have made significant impact on the lives of students.
- 2) The candidate must have used safety education as a catalyst to achieve some demonstrable progress in the social and cultural environment of the school and/or community.

**RULES:** Any driver and traffic safety education teacher who meets the criteria as outlined above may apply personally for this award or be nominated by a colleague. Only one teacher of the year will be selected each year. Nomination forms of candidates who are not selected during the current cycle will be kept for an additional 2 years for consideration in future years (2). Candidates who are also members of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association will also be considered for the Illinois' nomination for the ADTSEA Teacher Excellence award for 2018.

Nominations must be postmarked by not later than 1 December 2018.

Only electronically submitted applications will be accepted and should be sent to: Dale O. Ritzel, [dritzel@siu.edu](mailto:dritzel@siu.edu). The completed IHSCDEA Teacher of the year award nomination form and other required information must be emailed. Additional sheets can be used if necessary. Other letters of support can be included and are encouraged.

## PLEASE ACT NOW TO RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

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The Teacher of the Year Award is sponsored by the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association (IHSCDEA). Each year the IHSCDEA recognizes one of its members whose contributions to driver education has exceeded and gone beyond that which is generally accepted as being part of his/her responsibility. The award is intended to recognize the individual's commitment and contributions through their influence past and present, on the lives of the young people under their direction and have made significant contributions to their school and communities in the realm of traffic safety.

Each Year's award winner will be approved by IHSCDEA Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the IHSCDEA Teacher of the Year Award Committee. If a board member is nominated for the award, he/she may either abstain from the selection process or be replaced by another member of IHSCDEA. The Teacher of the Year Award winner will be recognized at the annual IHSCDEA conference in May.

### DEADLINE

2016 Nomination forms must be received by 1 December 2018.

The award winner will be officially announced at the IHSCDEA Conference in May 2018 and will be recognized and receive the award at that time.

Email nomination sheets to: Dale O. Ritzel at [dritz@siu.edu](mailto:dritz@siu.edu)

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School/School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Years of Teaching Driver Education: (Current School) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other Schools) \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Preparation: (university & degree)

School and Community Involvement:  
(position of leadership and year) (additional sheets can be used)

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Professional Affiliations: (IHSCDEA, ADTSEA, Etc.) (and indicate no. of years)

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Honors and Awards received: (professional and others)

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Nominee's Qualifications: (What has the nominee done to upgrade the program of driver and traffic safety education in their school and community?) (Please use additional sheets)

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**NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Nominator Represents: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- **Member of the IHSCDEA for at least 3 years**
- **Active certified driver education teacher**
- **Significant impact on the lives of students**
- **Used safety education as a catalyst to achieve demonstrable progress in the social and cultural environment of the school and/or community**
- **Proven record of dependability and effectiveness in his/her position**

### **Please summarize the contributions of the Nominee**

**Tell us what makes this individual worthy of the *IHSCDEA Teacher of the Year Award!* (do this on additional sheets). Appropriate detail is best. It is recommended that other letters of support from school administrators, community leaders be included.**

**Only use the nomination form to submit plus any additional information if appropriate. Hand written copies will not be accepted.**