

## Nominee Information Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Note: If retired, please complete this page with reference to your last active professional position.

Title/Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Years Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

School/Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ School/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

State and Year named Teacher of the Year (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Permission and Verification Sheet

I give permission for this nomination form and the accompanying materials to be shared with the NSTOY Selection Committee and persons interested in promoting Dolly Parton's Chasing Rainbows Award. I acknowledge the information in this packet is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **Self-Portrait**

Please describe in full detail the obstacle(s) that have happened in your personal or professional life and that because of “Chasing that Rainbow,” you have been able to overcome, have made a difference in the life/lives of a student(s), and have become exemplary in the teaching profession.

Your self-portrait should include 5 steps:

**\*Clouds-** Tell about your obstacle(s) in life (illness, adverse conditions, tragedies, poverty, poor working conditions, discrimination, handicaps, etc.)

**\*Chasing Rainbow-** Describe how you began to overcome your obstacle(s) and sometimes positive began to happen.

**\*Bright Light-** Tell what you experienced being a teacher.

**\*Droplets of Water-** Explain how your story has made a difference in the life/lives of student/students.

**\*Pot of Gold-** Explain how these experiences have been rewarding to you and molded you into an exemplary teacher.

## **Letters of Support**

Please include five letters of support. Include one from each of the following individuals listed under application guidelines, plus one additional letter of your choice.

## **National State Teacher of the Year**

The National State Teachers of the Year (NSTOY) is a professional service organization made up of outstanding teachers who represent excellence in American education. Each member has been previously selected as a state or U.S. protectorate recipient of a Council of Chief State School Officers award as Teacher of the Year. Organized in 1980, and committed to the education of America's youth, NSTOY endeavors to do the following:

- Assume a leadership role in the promotion of educational excellence.
- Encourage quality education for each individual through quality teaching.
- Recognize the excellence and commitment of professional educators.
- Promote a positive image of education through public awareness.
- Be actively involved in the recruitment of dedicated people into the field of teaching.
- Stimulate the professional growth of NSTOY members and encourage their participation in a variety of educational activities.

## **Outreach Activities**

This service organization networks with national and state professional education organizations, universities, school districts, and civic groups through:

- Contributing to educational publications
- Presenting workshops courses, speeches, and in-service programs.
- Participating in national surveys and research projects related to educational issues.

## **Membership Activities**

Membership activities include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing NSTOY chapters.
- Publishing a national newsletter.
- Sponsoring a national scholarship program for students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in education.
- Conduct an annual conference.

## **Annual Conference**

At the national Conference, NSTOY members convene to:

- Encourage and support excellence in teaching.
- Collectively strive for the betterment of education.
- Develop strategies for recognizing the importance of teachers and teaching.
- Hear reports on member' educational activities across America.
- Share their programs with college education majors and local teachers.
- Investigate ways of placing TOY's skills at the service of their respective communities, hear speakers of state and national reputation address important issues in education.
- Elect national NSTOY officers.
- Conduct the general business of the organization.
- Utilize committees to guide organizational projects.
- Develop and enjoy fellowship and friendship between TOY's and their families.

## **The Teacher of the Year Award Program**

The Teacher of the Year (TOY) Award Program was initiated in 1952 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in order to bring recognition to the importance of teachers as nurturers of the “American Dream.” His intention to honor all teachers by the selection of a representative teacher from each state would find completion in the yearly choice of a national teacher of the year. Through an organized and varied selection process involving classroom teachers, school administrators, state officials, students, parents, and business representatives, each state and U.S. protectorate nominates its own Teacher of the Year. This name is then submitted to a national committee where the process is repeated and the final selection is made of the National Teacher of the Year. Care is taken at all levels to ensure that the teachers selected at the local, state, and national level is not labeled “the best” but simply identified as a representative of all dedicated teachers.

## Membership

Any state/protectorate Teacher of the Year is eligible and invited into membership by the National State Teachers of the Year.

### NSTOY Membership Form

(State Teachers of the Year only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ TOY State represented \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
DD MM YY

Annual conferences attended: Please circle the state/year in which you attended conferences.

NE CA AZ NJ TX OR MN MO LA KS TN WA KY NV IL OH HI AZ AR NM VA NV DE PA GU WY MO AK ME  
CO IN  
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#### Membership Categories:

_____ Active	\$30.00 dues	(New, Reduced Due!!)
_____ Retired	\$15.00 dues	
_____ Current	\$15.00 dues	
_____ Honorary	No Dues	
_____ Lifetime	No Dues	

Membership Dues enclosed (from above list)	\$ _____
Scholarship Donations (optional)	\$ _____
Kay Battista Scholarship Donation	\$ _____
NSTOY Family Award Scholarship Donation:	\$ _____
NSTOY Endowment Fund (optional)	\$ _____
General Fund Donation (optional)	\$ _____
For _____	\$ _____

Unspecified Use

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to NSTOY and mail it along with this form to:

Carol Strickland  
NSTOY  
C/O National Teachers Hall of Fame  
ESU Campus Box 4017  
1200 Commercial  
Emporia, KS 66801

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For Office Use Only: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership card send \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/20 \_\_\_\_\_