



Little Rock School District
2022 Crystal Awards
Teacher of the Year Application

Instructions: Complete all sections of the application, adding additional sheets as necessary. Do not exceed the specified length on essays. **Application must be typed and uploaded via LRSD JotForm: <https://lrzd.jotform.com/213528100334948>.** All applications must be received by **Monday, March 7, 2022, 5 p.m.** Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified from consideration for LRSD Teacher of the Year honors. Please note, if you do not intend to pursue Little Rock School District Teach of the Year, you only need to complete and return the first page of this application.

I. General Information.

Name:

(This is how your name will appear on your trophy)

Home Address:

City

State

Zip

Telephone:

Home

Work

Cell

Email Address:

School Name:

Major Subject Area (if any):

Grade Level:

Total Years Teaching Experience:

Years in Present Position:

I hereby give my permission for any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, telephone or other personal information), or any photographs taken of me in conjunction with the Crystal Awards program, to be published or shared with persons interested in promoting the LRSD Crystal Awards and Teacher of the Year.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

II. Professional Biography (Limit: two double-spaced pages).

Why did you become a teacher? Describe the factors that led to your decision. What do you feel are your most significant contributions and accomplishments in your teaching career?

III. Educational History and Professional Development

(Limit: two double-spaced pages).

- a. Beginning with the most recent, list the colleges and universities you have attended, with degrees earned and dates attended. Attach copies of degrees.
- b. Beginning with the most recent, list your teaching employment history, with time periods, grade levels and subject areas.
- c. Indicate National Board Certification or other specialty certification. Attach copies.
- d. Beginning with the most recent, list your professional association memberships, offices held and other relevant activities.
- e. Beginning with the most recent, list your professional development leadership activities and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- f. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition. Attach copies if applicable.

IV. Community Involvement (Limit: one double-spaced page).

Are you involved in volunteer work, church, civic or other group activities? Do you sponsor or mentor a student outside school? Do you work closely with parents to help them stay actively involved in their children's education?

V. Student Achievement (Limit: two double-spaced pages).

Cite evidence of student achievement as a result of your classroom instructional practices. Include test scores, TRIAND results, student performance in competitions, etc.

VI. Philosophy of Teaching (Limit: two double-spaced pages).

What are your personal beliefs about teaching? What do you find rewarding in teaching? How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your teaching style? Include your thoughts about what makes you an outstanding teacher.