

# Texas Director of Field Experiences Student Teacher of the Year Award

**Memo To:** Directors of Field Experiences/Student Teaching  
**From:** Dr. Eileen Westerman  
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TDFE is again sponsoring a Texas Student Teacher of the Year contest. Any student teacher enrolled in a program, during the 2007-2008 calendar year, leading to certification in an accredited Texas university is eligible to compete. Each university may submit 2 candidates. We hope you will encourage your most promising student teachers to participate in the competition. If you have any questions, please contact me. Please note the deadline for submission is June 1, 2008.

## **Entrants must:**

- Write a lesson plan following the attached format. The lesson plan must be typewritten or word-processed and should not exceed 3-5 pages. The lesson must be planned during the entrant's student teaching placement.
- Provide a VHS tape or DVD of the entrant teaching the submitted lesson plan to students in the classroom setting. The lesson portion of the video should be a **continuous and unedited segment** (no breaks or pauses) not fewer than 29 minutes or more than 45. The video should begin with the entrant introducing himself/herself and stating the name of the public school, supervising teacher, topic of the lesson, and grade to be taught. This introduction should not exceed 3 minutes (for timing purposes, the introduction should not be considered part of the 29-45 minute lesson).  
Video and audio quality is the responsibility of applicant. The VHS or DVD and protective case should be clearly marked with the entrant's name and address. Ensure audio and video quality/compatibility before recording the actual lesson. Review video for content, length, and quality before submitting. **AUDIO QUALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT!**
- Submit materials, which must include **ONE** (1) VHS or DVD video recording and **THREE** (3) three unbound copies of (a) Entry Form, (b) Questionnaire, and (c) Lesson Plan (and related materials, if applicable). Entry Forms, Questionnaires, and Lesson Plans are to be typed or word-processed. Applications are to be signed by the Director of Student Teaching and mailed (postmarked by June 1, 2008) to Dr. Eileen Westerman at the above address.
- If possible, be available to be recognized as the recipient of this award at the Fall Teacher Education Conference.

## **Judging will be on the basis of:**

- Planning and Preparation: (a) Were the lesson plans and the identified objectives appropriate for the students, and did the students accomplish the objectives? (b) Were the instructional materials appropriate and stimulating?
- Knowledge and Presentation of Subject Matter: (a) Did the teacher actively engage the students in the learning process and reinforce student learning? (b) Did the teacher show skill in questioning and use concrete words and examples that clearly communicated ideas to the students?
- Management of Instruction: (a) Did the teacher use the time effectively for student learning? (b) Did the teacher induce enthusiasm and respond effectively to student behavior?
- Interaction and Communication: (a) Did the teacher establish an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect? (b) Did the teacher and the students communicate effectively?
- Professional Image and Presentation: (a) Did the teacher project an image that reflects professionalism and commitment? (b) Is the presentation one that can be used as a model for excellence in student teaching?
- Inclusion of Students: All video images should include students.
- Entrance into National Competition: The local Field Director is responsible for facilitating any application for national competition.

# TDFE Student Teacher of the Year Award 2007-2008 Entry Form

**Directions:** Please type or word-process. Submit **THREE (3) copies of Entry Form, Questionnaire, and Lesson Plan and ONE (1) VHS or DVD to the person identified in the enclosed memo.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Where you will receive mail about the results of the competition)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip                      E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone                      Cell Phone (optional)                      Best time to call

SR GRADUATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Year(circle one)                      Major/Specialization                      Grade/Subject Taught in Lesson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College or University in which you are enrolled                      City                      State                      Zip                      Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College or University Supervisor                      Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School and District where lesson is presented                      Date of Lesson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Cooperating Teacher                      Name of Principal

This is to certify that the above named student is/was enrolled in our teacher certification program during the spring or fall semester of the academic year 2006-2007. The certification level is:

\_\_\_\_\_ EC-4    \_\_\_\_\_ 4-8    \_\_\_\_\_ secondary (8-12)    \_\_\_\_\_ EC-12 (All-Level)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Director of Student Teaching/Field Experiences (signature)    College/University                      Date**  
Signature indicates current membership in the Texas Directors of Field Experience and the university's willingness to cover an award winner's travel to the CSOTTE conference in the Fall semester.



# TDFE Student Teacher of the Year Award Lesson Plan

*Submit Lesson Plan in this format (you may add but not substitute the lesson plan format taught at your university.)  
Please include related materials if applicable. Please type/word-process lesson plan and submit three copies with entry.*

Student Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Assessment:**

**Objectives:**

**Individual Modifications:**

**Motivation:**

**Materials:**

**LEARNING SEQUENCE:**

**Learning Activity (what):**

**Procedure (how):**

**Time:**

**POST-INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING: (How I will evaluate the success of the lesson?)**

**Student evaluation:**

**Self-evaluation:**

**Follow-up to the lesson:**