

# 2007 TABE BILINGUAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**INTRODUCTION:** At the heart of every successful bilingual education program are caring and dedicated teachers who believe in the value of dual language instruction as a way to help language minority students excel academically. These are women and men who approach the teaching and learning process with a remarkable sense of responsibility and are guided in their actions by the deep-seated conviction that every student is important, that education matters, and that one teacher can make a difference. These are indeed extraordinary educators whose daily work in the classroom is performed *con orgullo y excelencia*. In recognition of outstanding teaching and exemplary professional service by bilingual education teachers throughout Texas, the Texas Association for Bilingual Education has established the TABE Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year Award.

**AWARD:** The winner of the 2007 TABE's Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year competition will be publicly acknowledged and honored during the awards banquet at the annual fall conference of the association where a special plaque recognizing her/his outstanding teaching will be presented. Travel costs are provided for the winner to attend the TABE Conference. Also, the winner automatically becomes the TABE nominee for the National Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year competition.

## Nomination Guidelines

**NOMINATIONS:** Only local affiliates of TABE are eligible to nominate Bilingual Education teachers for this competition. Each affiliate is limited to one nominee. Members holding the office of president of local TABE affiliates are ineligible to participate in this competition. Local affiliate groups may use any method they choose for selecting a candidate for this award as long as the process is fair and impartial and conducted without regard to age, sex, race or ethnicity, handicapping conditions, or religion. The selection must be based on evidence of outstanding Bilingual Education instruction.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nominees must meet these qualification requirements:

- Full-time classroom bilingual education teacher in any grade level in a TEA-approved bilingual education program
- Texas bilingual education teacher for at least three consecutive years prior to receiving this award and be actively engaged in full-time teaching in a bilingual education classroom at the time of the award
- Certified or endorsed in bilingual education
- Current member of TABE
- Current member of NABE
- Recognized by the local affiliate for outstanding teaching
- Provide documentation that indicates that the nominee enjoys the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Exhibit distinguished leadership service to the profession and the community

**PRESENTATION OF MATERIALS:** TABE affiliates are responsible for submitting one portfolio of materials presented in English/Spanish in a well-organized notebook. Portfolios will be evaluated on a 100 point system. The following documents must be included in the portfolio in the following order:

1. **Nomination Letter** – this letter must be signed by the affiliate president and should certify that the nominee meets all of the requirements cited above to participate in this competition. The president’s address and telephone number must be included in the nomination letter.
2. **Background Information** – use the attached Data Sheet to provide basic information about the candidate. Include a curriculum vitae containing such information as: academic preparation, dates and titles of professional certificates/endorsements, professional work experience, membership in professional organizations and number of years as member, honors.
3. **Biographical Profile** – a narrative written by the nominee describing specific events or experiences leading to his/her involvement in education, particularly bilingual education. This narrative must be typed, double-spaced and should not exceed five pages.
4. **Philosophy of Education** - an essay written in Spanish by the candidate reflecting his/her commitment to the profession, including a description of the candidate’s educational values and beliefs in the effectiveness of bilingual education. This essay must be typed, double-spaced, and should not exceed five pages.
5. **Professional Development** – a listing and brief description of the candidate’s participation in professional organizations and service committees, commissions, task forces, workshops, and conferences, etc., including the number of years of service and membership for all of the above. This section should be typed, double space, and should not exceed five pages.
6. **Community Service** – a listing and brief description of the candidate’s participation in organizations as well as personal efforts to improve bilingual education and social conditions of the community. This section should be typed, double space, and should not exceed five pages.
7. **Letters of Support** – documentation indicating that the candidate has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues. Should not exceed five entries.
8. **Photograph** – a 5” by 7” glossy black and white.

**\*\*\*Only requested materials/documentation will be evaluated\*\*\***

#### **FINALIST INTERVIEW**

After all entries are reviewed for the above criteria, two finalists will be notified to attend a scheduled interview with the TABE Teacher of the Year Selection Committee. Each finalist and local affiliate president will be notified by mail of the selection and scheduled interview. Finalists will be evaluated on their ability to articulate critical issues in bilingual education in a public forum. They will also be asked to write a Spanish essay on a selected committee topic.

All nominations and portfolios must be **RECEIVED** by **5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2007** at the address listed below. Application materials received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Chair, Instructional and Professional Development Committee  
Texas Association for Bilingual Education  
5835 Callaghan Rd. #301  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
1-800-822-3930

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**DATA SHEET**

NAME OF LOCAL TABE AFFILIATE: (include President's name, address and phone numbers)

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NAME OF NOMINEE:

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NOMINEE'S HOME ADDRESS: (include city, state, zip)

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HOME PHONE: ( ) --                      WORK PHONE: ( ) --

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL:

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GRADE LEVEL ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give my permission that any or all materials submitted by me for consideration for the 2007  
TABE BILINGUAL EDUCATION Teacher of the Year Award may be shared with the persons  
involved in promoting this award.

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Signature