2020 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 - 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this award is to give recognition to driver and traffic
safety education teachers who exemplify the highest teaching 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 2019.

Only electronically submitted applications will be accepted and should be sent to: Dale O.
Ritzel, dritzel@siu.edu . If you need an electronic version of the form please contact Dale
O. Ritzel. The completed IHSCDEA Teacher of the year award nomination form and other
required information must be emailed. Additional sheets can be used if necessary. A
resume’ and other letters of support should be included and are encouraged.

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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

2020 Nomination forms must be received by 1 December 2019.

The award winner will be officially announced at the IHSCDEA Conference in May 2020 and will be recognized and receive the award at that time.

Email nomination sheets to: Dale O. Ritzel at dritzel@siu.edu
IHSCDEA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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)

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

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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
➢ Must be submitted by the deadline of 1 December 2019

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 necessary to include letters of recommended/support from school administrators, community leaders.

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