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CABE 2027 Teacher of the Year Guidelines

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) honors an outstanding California classroom teacher who has made significant contributions to the education and equity of multilingual and English learner students through excellence, dedication, and advocacy. The CABE 2027 Teacher of the Year Award recognizes these exceptional achievements. The Teacher of the Year Award Selection Committee will review all nominations and select the recipient.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current CABE member through April 30, 2027
- Must be a California resident
- Must be a current dual language and/or ELD teacher serving multilingual students (TK-12)
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience serving multilingual and English learner students as a bilingual/biliteracy teacher
- Must possess a bilingual teacher authorization (TK-12) or certification, if assigned to a dual language classroom
- Must demonstrate an educational philosophy that reflects multicultural competency and high expectations for multilingual and English learner students
- Must provide evidence of advocacy for bilingual/biliteracy programs and multilingual students

Deadline

All entries, including all required documents, must be submitted through the online application by **December 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The CABE 2027 Teacher of the Year Award recipient will be notified by **January 21, 2027**.

Submission Requirements

- A professional biographical resume that highlights nominee's background, experience, and accomplishments, maximum one (1) page
- A candidate statement, maximum two (2) pages that includes:
 - » **Philosophy on Education** - Describe your beliefs about teaching and learning.
 - » **Personal Motivation** - Share your reasons for becoming a teacher and reflect on how your identity, heritage, or lived experience shapes your teaching practice.
 - » **Experience as a Bilingual/ELD Teacher** - Highlight your classroom teaching experience, with specific attention to instructional practices that honor student's home language and cultures.
 - » **Inspirational Anecdote** - Include a personal story or classroom moment that illustrates your impact, transformative approach, or connection with students.
 - » **Community Engagement** - Describe your involvement in community service, partnership with families and caregivers, or contributions to school and neighborhood initiatives.
 - » **CABE Service** - Detail any service or leadership roles you have held with the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), such as chapter involvement, event participation, committee membership, or advocacy work.

- Three (3) letters of recommendation:
 - » One (1) letter of recommendation from the nominee's immediate supervisor
 - » One (1) letter from a partner teacher or instructional coach
 - » One (1) letter from a caregiver or community member. (All letters must be dated within one year of the application deadline.)
- A video (3-4 minutes in length) showing the nominee interacting with students in the classroom.
- One (1) high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo of the nominee (minimum 300 dpi)

Award Benefits Include:

- Recognition at the CABE 2027 Awards Luncheon, Thursday, March 11, 2027 in Long Beach, CA.
- An award of \$1,000
- Complimentary registration to the CABE 2027 Annual Conference
- Two (2) Awards Luncheon tickets (one for award recipient and one for a guest)
- One (1) night hotel accommodations
- A framed certificate of recognition

Nomination for National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)

The recipient of the CABE 2027 Teacher of the Year Award will be the California nominee for the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) 2028 Bilingual Teacher of the Year Award. If selected as the NABE Bilingual Teacher of the Year recipient will receive:

- \$1,500 scholarship to support further his or her education or to use for the benefit of English language learner students
- Reimbursement of travel ticket up to \$500.00, within the continental United States
- Reimbursement for ground transportation between the airport and hotel
- One (1) complimentary registration for the NABE Annual Conference
- One (1) NABE Awards Luncheon ticket
- Two (2) nights of hotel accommodations at the NABE Conference headquarters hotel