



Arizona Department of Education

Office of English Language Acquisition Services

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To: Arizona School District and Charter School Administrators

From: Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS)

Re: 2019 Arizona English Learner (EL) Teacher of the Year Nomination

Nominations for the 2019 Arizona EL Teacher of the Year are now open and will close on **August 21, 2019**. A cash award, prizes, and recognition at an awards banquet at the 2019 OELAS Conference are included in this prestigious honor. The 2019 OELAS Conference will be held December 11-13, 2019 at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

Arizona EL Teacher of the Year nominations should be submitted directly by administrators in the EL teacher's school or district.

The nomination forms can be found online at: www.azed.gov/oelasconference/

Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Appropriately Certified Teacher
- Presently employed in an Arizona school (district or charter)
- Currently teaching ELs
- Three or more years of successful teaching experience with ELs

The submitted nomination should include:

- Nomination Form
- Letter of Recommendation (you may write this directly on the form)
- Data Template (please complete the appropriate page of the Data Template based on the EL teacher's grade level.)

Please submit the completed forms electronically to: OELASConference@azed.gov

After **August 21, 2019**, selected semi-finalists and their nominators will be notified, and the selected semi-finalists will be asked to submit an Arizona EL Teacher of the Year application (**due September 25, 2019**). Finalists will be selected from these applications by a judging panel of distinguished peers, and the winner of the award will be notified in November.

We encourage you to partake in this opportunity to nominate an exemplary Arizona EL teacher for this honor. Please contact Denella Kirkland via email at Denella.Kirkland@azed.gov with any questions.

Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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