



# Bilingual Teacher of the Year Contest

To recognize the efforts that bilingual classroom teachers make on behalf of English language learners, the National Association for Bilingual Education has established the Bilingual Teacher of the Year Competition. In the past, candidates could be nominated only by one of NABE's state affiliates. Beginning with the 2006 competition, Teacher of the Year nominations may also be made by NABE Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

**Award:** The winner of NABE's 2008 Bilingual Teacher of the Year competition will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to further his or her education or to use for the benefit of English language learner students. In addition, the winner's travel expenses will be paid to the **2008** NABE conference in **Tampa, Florida** where the award will be presented.

**Nominations:** NABE affiliate organizations in good standing and NABE SIGs are eligible to nominate candidates. Nominations should be made – and the winner will be chosen – without regard to age, sex, race, religion, or national origin. SIGs and affiliates may use any method they choose for selecting candidates, but may nominate only one candidate each. Nominees must be NABE members in good standing or they will not be considered.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must be exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers in a bilingual program for pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve. Only bilingual classroom teachers who work full-time with students and have at least three years of experience qualify. Candidates must have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers and educational leaders, and should enjoy the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. They should play active and useful roles in their communities as well as in their schools. Candidates should be poised, articulate, and willing and able to grant media interviews and make presentations. He or she should be fluently bilingual. Finally and most important, candidates must have a proven ability to inspire Bilingual and English Language Learners of various backgrounds and abilities to excel.

**Presentation of Materials:** As part of the nomination process, the NABE SIG or state affiliate is responsible for submitting a portfolio of materials for their candidate to be used by the selection committee in its deliberations. Materials should be typed double-spaced, and each section should be a maximum of four pages. Videos are acceptable as supplementary material, provided that six copies of the video are submitted. All materials become the property of NABE and will not be returned. Each nomination must be accompanied by six complete copies of the following materials, with no more than 24 total pages submitted:

- **Nomination Information:** a cover letter signed by a NABE affiliate officer or SIG chair and the attached Contest Data Sheet providing basic information about the candidate.
- **Biographical Sketch:** a narrative of no more than four pages prepared by the teacher describing his or her formative environment and the specific events or experiences that led to a career in bilingual education.
- **Photograph:** a photograph of the candidate for publication in the conference program. (The photo should be either a glossy print of at least 5" x 7" or a high-quality JPG or TIFF image file, no smaller than 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi.) In addition, a minimum of three photographs of the teacher's classroom should be submitted.
- **Philosophy of Education:** a statement of no more than four pages in which the candidate reflects on his or her commitment to the profession, including a description of the candidate's educational values and beliefs about bilingual education.
- **Professional Development:** a description of no more than four pages of the candidate's academic preparation and participation in professional organizations and service committees, commissions, task forces, work shops and conferences, etc.
- **Community Service:** a description of no more than four pages of the candidate's participation in organizations, and in personal efforts to improve education and social conditions of the community.
- **Recommendations:** one letter of recommendation from the teacher's immediate supervisor and a maximum of five other letters of recommendation.

**Deadline:** All nominations must be received by **November 17, 2007** at the address listed below. The winner will be notified by **November 27, 2007**.

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## DATA SHEET

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS November 17, 2007

Submit application to:

NABE Teacher Award  
1313 L Street NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20005-0041  
Fax: (202) 789-2866



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NABE Membership ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Summary of Academic Training/Preparation:

Dates	Degree/Certificate Earned	Institution Name & Address
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I hereby give my permission for any or all materials submitted by me for consideration for the Bilingual Teacher of the Year Award to be shared with persons involved in promoting this award.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_