

GCTE Teacher of the Year Award Application

Applicant's Name _____ School _____

Home address _____ School Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (school) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Level of Instruction (circle one) K-5 6-8 9-12 College Current GCTE Member (circle) Yes No

Please indicate if you will or will not be willing to have your "Best Practices Narrative" for this application submitted to *Connections*, the GCTE professional journal, for publication upon acceptance by its editorial board.

_____ Yes, I want my Best Practices article (#3 below) to be submitted for publication consideration to *Connections*.

_____ No, I do not want my Best Practices article to be submitted for publication consideration to *Connections*.

Applicant Package

All applicants must submit an information package to GCTE by **January 10, 2013** in order to be considered for GCTE's Teacher of the Year **2012** in one of these categories: Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8), Secondary (9-12), or College. This information will be submitted as an electronic .pdf file to Brenda Logan at Brenda.Logan@armstrong.edu .

1. A narrative explaining your philosophy and approach to teaching English/Language Arts (1 page, single spaced)
2. A narrative that explains a typical day in your classroom as well as how you address your language arts curriculum throughout a school year (1 page, single spaced)
3. An expository article of two lessons that you currently use in your classroom which incorporates best teaching practices with no more than two pages for your article and no more than two additional pages for artifacts (including pictures) that support these specific lessons (no more than 4 pages)
4. Write a response to two of the following questions (2 pages, single spaced):
 - a. Relate an experience in your career as a teacher that epitomizes what teaching is all about to you.
 - b. How would you define the term "21st century literacy" within your classroom? What do you believe your students will need to be successful communicators five, ten, or even fifteen years from now?
 - c. What project or performance task have you created that encourages students to achieve at a higher level?
 - d. What do you think is a crucial issue affecting English/Language arts education today? How would you respond to this issue, and what would you do to inform others of its importance?
 - e. How has your personal involvement in community service influenced your practice in the classroom, your local community, and beyond?
 - f. What has been your greatest contribution to your students?
5. Two letters of support from a colleague, supervisor, administrator, parent, or student (2 pages)

The applicant package should be **no longer than 10 pages**, excluding this award application page. Please convert your documents to a single .pdf file and email the file to Brenda Logan at Brenda.Logan@armstrong.edu . Please type "GCTE TOY application" and your name in the subject line of the email.

**No nomination for the award is required; please give this application to a deserving colleague or submit an application for yourself. If you wish to make a nomination, GCTE will contact the nominee and request a package. Send your nomination to Dr. Brenda Logan at Brenda.Logan@armstrong.edu .*