

2012 K-16 SCFLTA WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE AWARD

The SCFLTA Language Teacher of the Year is intended to elevate the status and the public profile of the language profession at the state level and to allow the state winner to compete at the regional and national levels in the SCOLT and ACTFL competitions. First and foremost, the award recognizes best practices and excellence in the teaching and learning of world languages. Second, it is intended to increase the visibility and importance of language learning with the media, policymakers, and the general public.

ELIGIBILITY

- SCFLTA member for five years, one of which must be the current year (to be verified by the SCFLTA database)
- world language teacher for minimum of five years
- leadership in or service to the foreign language profession in South Carolina

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following checklist contains all requirements for the application:

- ___ the Nomination Cover Page
- ___ one letter of recommendation from a supervisor
- ___ one letter of recommendation from a professional colleague
- ___ one letter of recommendation from a current or former parent or student
- ___ a curriculum vitae of no more than five (5) pages that includes accomplishments of the last 5 years only, education excluded.
- ___ a legible, audible DVD, no more than 15 minutes of an actual lesson
- ___ 2-3 page commentary on the submitted lesson including
 - target language use and the modes of communication addressed in the lesson
 - appropriate instructional strategies, including differentiation
 - application of the culture triangle
 - samples of student work
 - feedback to students on their work

Some of these elements may occur before or after the instructional segment submitted in the DVD.

_____ A completed commitment form which is a statement of willingness to participate in all required activities associated with the award including:

- (a) A commitment to attend the SCOLT conference for a personal interview (the state association will provide reimbursement of some expenses)
- (b) If selected as SCOLT World Languages Teacher of the Year, consent and commitment statement to be nominated by SCOLT as the ACTFL National Foreign Language Teacher of the Year.
- (c) If selected as SCOLT World Languages Teacher of the Year, prepare a statement of commitment to attend the ACTFL Annual Conference. Hotel, registration, and transportation are paid for by ACTFL and,
- (d) Willingness to serve as a spokesperson and advocate for the profession, based on availability.

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS TO SCFLTA

State nominees must submit the necessary documents to be received no later than **November 1, 2011**. Candidates are requested to submit their portfolios via email to the SCFLTA Awards Chair, Ruta Couet at rcouet@ed.sc.gov. Contact Ruta about how to send a large file.

For all submissions, you will receive confirmation via e-mail immediately upon receipt.

AFTER THE REVIEW

The 2011 SCFLTA Teacher of the Year selection will be named during the SCFLTA conference. The winner will go on to represent the state at the SCOLT region competition, and if the SCOLT winner, will compete at the ACTFL Conference. ACTFL covers all conference related costs for the regional nominees.

For additional guidelines on the regional and national competitions, refer to Teacher of the Year links at <http://scolt.webnode.com/scolt-teacher-of-excellence-award-information/> and <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3500>

**SCFLTA K-16 Teacher of the Year
Nomination Cover Page**

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee

Institution/Position

Street Address City State Zip Code

Preferred Phone
Number _____

Preferred E-mail Address _____

Nominated by

Name

Institution/Position

Street Address City State Zip Code

Preferred Phone
Number _____

Preferred E-mail Address _____

Self-Nominations are accepted.

**SCFLTA K-16 Teacher of the Year
Commitment Form**

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee

Please initial the following statements:

If selected as the SCFLTA 2012 World Language Teacher of the Year, I accept to be the SCFLTA nominee for the SCOLT regional competition. Hotel, registration, and transportation are paid for by SCFLTA . _____

If selected as the SCOLT World Language Teacher of the Year, I accept to be SCOLT nominee for the ACTFL National Foreign Language Teacher of the Year. Hotel, registration, and transportation are paid for by ACTFL. _____

Signature
