



**Georgia Association of Alternative  
Education (G.A.A.E.)  
2019-2020 Teacher of the Year (TOTY) Application and  
Process**

Please find attached the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year Application and Process. Also, please be aware of the following qualifications in choosing your school's GAAE Teacher of the Year nominee.

Nominees must be certified public classroom teachers in prekindergarten through Grades 12, including special education, physical education, art, and music. Counselors, media specialists, etc., are not eligible. Applicants should be full-time teachers. Supervisory and administrative responsibilities should be of secondary consideration.

The candidate should be a certified teacher (with a clear and renewable certificate) who

- ✓ is an exceptional, dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher planning to continue in active teaching status during the school year of this application;
- ✓ inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- ✓ has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues;
- ✓ plays an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school; and
- ✓ is poised and possess the ability and desire to be an articulate representative for alternative education.

Following receipt of all applications, a panel of respected educators from across the state will assess the applications and identify the three finalists. Recognition will be at the GAAE Fall 2020 State Conference.

RETURN TO Keith Hose by March 31, 2020

**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (G.A.A.E)**

**2019-2020 TEACHER OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM**

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

Dr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Mr.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

*Circle appropriate degrees and fill in other information. (Use spacebar to go from Field to Institution, etc.)*

Degrees Earned	Field	Institution	Year Received
Undergraduate:			
Masters:			
Ed. Specialist:			
Doctorate:			

Type of Teaching Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*List schools where applicant has taught, the subject taught, and the beginning and ending dates at each school, starting with the most recent. (Use spacebar to go from School to Grade and Subject Taught, etc.)*

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade and Subject Taught</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>

Total Years of Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years in Education System: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years in Alternative Ed. Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed application to: [khose@gocats.org](mailto:khose@gocats.org)

## **GAAE (TOTY) NARRATIVE RESPONSE**

*Answer each question on a separate sheet of white paper and type double-spaced. Type applicant's last name at the top right-hand corner of each page. Retype the question at the top of the first page of applicant's answer. Follow directions for maximum length allowed. Font type should be Arial or Times New Roman and font size should be no smaller than 10-point and no larger than 12-point. Margins cannot be less than one inch. Please send in application with the above cover sheet on top.*

- 1. Professional Biography (Limit response to two double-spaced pages.)** **10 points**  
What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions to, or accomplishments in alternative education.
  
- 2. Professional Development Activities (Limit response to one double-spaced page.)** **10 points**  
Include information regarding educational preparation, professional association memberships, offices held, training undertaken, and other relevant activities. List awards and other recognitions of your outstanding teaching.
  
- 3. Community Involvement (Limit response to one double-spaced page.)** **10 points**  
Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities including volunteer work, civic, and other group activities.
  
- 4. Philosophy of Teaching (Limit total response to two double-spaced pages.)** **20 points**
  - A. Describe your personal beliefs about teaching in alternative education, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding alternative education teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
  - B. Describe innovative teaching methods.
  
- 5. Alternative Education Issues and Trends (Limit response to one-double spaced pages.)** **20 points**  
What do you consider to be the major public alternative education issues of today? Address the issue, outlining possible causes, effects, and resolutions.
  
- 6. The Teaching Profession (Limit total response to one double-spaced page.)** **20 points**
  - A. What can you do to strengthen and improve the alternative education teaching profession?
  - B. What is or should be the basis for accountability in teaching in alternative education?
  
- 7. Georgia Association of Alternative Education (GAAE) Teacher of the Year** **10 points**  
**(Limit response to one double-spaced page.)**  
As the GAAE TOTY, you could serve as a spokesperson or representative for the alternative education teaching profession. What would be your message to other professionals in education and to the general public?

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**To be completed by the principal. (Limit response to one double-spaced page. This letter must be on letterhead and signed by principal.) Please include letter with your application.**

Why are you nominating this alternative education teacher?