



# Oregon Small Schools Association

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OSSA *Teacher of the Year* Nomination for 2025:

The Teacher of the Year nomination is to recognize the dedication and contributions of Teachers that serve Small School Districts.

Nominations for consideration may come from staff, students, parents or other community members. Nominations from peers and colleagues are also welcome.

Nominations should include a nominations letter of no more than two pages which specifically identifies the nominee, what attributes the nominee possesses that deserve recognition and how the nominee has made a difference in the education and lives of children.

In addition, those nominating candidates(s) for the teacher of the year award should include contact information for the nominee, the relationship between the nominee and the person making the nomination and any additional information that would inform the OSSA board about the nominee.

- **Eligibility:** Teachers who teach grades K-12 in an OSSA member school district. Teachers who anticipate a classroom teaching assignment for the following year in a member school.
- **Obligation:** Provide a small article for the “Small Talk” newsletter and attend the presentation of the award at the OSSA Breakfast during OSSA Conference in Salishan on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2025. – The Teacher of the year will be required to be released from classroom responsibilities to attend the conference held in April. OSSA will cover accommodation and registration cost for the award winner to attend the conference.

Nomination deadline: Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 :Please direct nominations electronically to Michael Carter at [carter.michael@lakeview.k12.or.us](mailto:carter.michael@lakeview.k12.or.us)

Some of the criteria that will affect selection for this award will be the nominee’s:

- Instructional accomplishments
- Leadership in the classroom, school, and district
- Innovation in the classroom and school
- Implementation of innovative or best-practice models for teaching and learning Questions, comments and nomination letters may also be referred to:

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