

NorthernVirginia

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The Northern Virginia Teacher of the Year Award

FALL 2021–SPRING 2022

Education is the cornerstone of any society, and Northern Virginia is famously home to some of the top schools in the country. Great teachers don't just impart knowledge—they instill in their students a desire to learn and grow, both inside and out of the classroom. The first annual *Northern Virginia* Teacher of the Year Award will recognize the very best educators in our region.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be full-time teachers in grades K through 12 in an accredited school, either public or private, in one of the following jurisdictions: Arlington County, Fairfax County, Fauquier County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, Stafford County, Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

Educators must have a minimum of three years' teaching experience. They will be judged on their knowledge of subject matter and proven ability to inspire students to learn, demonstrate leadership within their school and community, and develop cooperative relationships with parents.

Each nominee must be serving as a teacher for the 2021–2022 school year.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Anyone may submit a nomination for a great teacher—principals, assistant principals, other administrators, school employees, fellow teachers, students, former students, parents, or the general public. Teachers may not nominate themselves.

Nominations may be submitted at NorthernVirginiaMag.com/TeacherOfTheYear. You will be asked to name a teacher and his or her school and county, and include a short statement explaining why your nominee deserves to be named Teacher of the Year.

DEADLINE

All nominations must be submitted at NorthernVirginiaMag.com/TeacherOfTheYear by April 8, 2022.

JUDGING

A finalist for each county and city school system in the region (for jurisdictions, see "Eligibility") will be selected by *Northern Virginia* magazine. Extra weight will be given to nominations from principals, assistant principals, other administrators, school employees, and fellow teachers. Finalists will be vetted for professional standing. The Teacher of the Year will be chosen by a selection committee representing educators, administrators, parents, and *Northern Virginia* staff.

AWARD

The Teacher of the Year Award includes \$10,000 and a cover story in the October 2022 issue of *Northern Virginia* magazine, which will also appear on northernvirginiamag.com. Finalists will also be featured in the story.

MORE INFORMATION

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