



2011 National Online Teacher of the Year Award

Purpose:

The **SREB/iNACOL National Online Teacher of the Year Award** recognizes and honors a distinguished online teacher who defines quality teaching in online K-12 education.

The winner of the National Online Teacher of the Year will receive the crystal Flame of Excellence, will be featured in national/regional press releases and on the SREB and iNACOL Web sites, and will receive an all-expenses-paid trip for one to the Virtual School Symposium sponsored by iNACOL. The National Online Teacher of the Year may be asked by iNACOL and/or the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to participate in speaking engagements, workshops and events.

Each of two finalists for National Online Teacher of the Year will receive an exclusive plaque. They will also be featured in national/regional press releases and on the SREB and iNACOL Web sites.

Eligibility:

To be considered for the SREB/iNACOL National Online Teacher of the Year Award, nominees must meet the following requirements:

- The nominee must hold valid, current K-12 state teacher certification and currently teach K-12 students in courses that are at least 80 percent online.
- Finalists must be able to attend the SREB Educational Technology Cooperative Spring Symposium to be held March 9-11, 2011 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott in Atlanta, Georgia.

Nomination:

To be considered, a teacher must be nominated by a superintendent, principal, program director/manager, department chair, or any other supervisor of the teacher.

- The nominator is responsible for completing the Nomination Form and submitting it via e-mail to onlineteacheraward@sreb.org no later than December 6, 2010.
- The nominee is responsible for submitting a completed application and three letters of endorsement via e-mail to onlineteacheraward@sreb.org no later than January 7, 2011. The three letters of endorsement must include one letter from a student (former or current), one from a parent and one from either an administrator or colleague.



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Criteria for Selection:

The candidate for National Online Teacher of the Year should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled teacher in an online program (kindergarten through grade 12) that is planning to continue in an active teaching status. The candidate should:

- inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues, and
- play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the online classroom.

Selection Process:

The Application, along with the Nomination Form for each nominee, will be reviewed by a committee of experts in the field of online education.

Notification Process:

The SREB/iNACOL National Online Teacher of the Year will be chosen from three finalists and announced at the SREB National Online Teacher of the Year Banquet to be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the SREB Educational Technology Cooperative (ETC) Spring Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia.

Finalists will be notified by February 12, 2011. Finalists' expenses for transportation, lodging and meals for the SREB Educational Technology Cooperative Spring Symposium will be covered. If you have additional questions, contact Matlea Parker at matlea.parker@sreb.org.