



# 2018 CUSD Teacher of the Year Application Materials



Using the enclosed envelope, return your completed application to:

**Capistrano Unified Education Association  
27422 Aliso Creek Road, Suite 100  
Aliso Viejo 92656**

You may use district mail if you prefer.  
You may also email your application & letters to [jgallups@cuea.org](mailto:jgallups@cuea.org)

**Application due to CUEA January 22, 2018**

**An electronic copy of this application will be sent to you via your CUSD email.**

Congratulations on being named Teacher of the Year at your school! This application form is the next step in the Teacher of the Year process. Your application will be read by a joint CUSD/CUEA screening committee who will choose the CUSD 2018 Teacher of the Year for elementary, middle, and high schools. These three teachers will advance to the 2018 Orange County Teachers of the Year competition. **PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN.**

If you do not wish to be considered for the CUSD Teacher of the Year, we request, **at a minimum**, that you complete **question #1**. Your response will be included in our Teacher of the Year Celebration on **March 29, 2018** at the Soka Performing Arts Center in Aliso Viejo.

**Please DO NOT use your name on any section except this page** to ensure anonymity during the selection process. Unsigned applications will not be accepted. The CUSD application elements can be checked off below as completed.

- Principal's signature in the box below
- Your signature and date in the box at the bottom of this page
- Résumé (DO NOT add your name or current school site)
- Question #1 (mandatory) – (Please email this response to [jgallups@cuea.org](mailto:jgallups@cuea.org) (cut and paste into email.))**
- Questions #2, #3, #4, #5
- Two Letters of Recommendation Letters of recommendation should be ONE page only. Please request that your letters of recommendation be printed on plain white paper – not letterhead and that your name is NOT mentioned within the letter. Have your writer refer to you as, "this teacher of the year..." Only TWO letters will be accepted – additional letters will be discarded.**

To type your responses on the electronic form, place your cursor directly into the gray box. Don't forget to save your work to your computer each time you type your responses. It is permitted to "cut & paste" your responses using 10-point Times New Roman font. Contact the CUEA office at **900-2280** if you have any questions.

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phonetic spelling: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Major subject area(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Total years teaching experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in current position: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Principal's signature*

School telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree that if I am selected as one of the three (3) CUSD Teachers of the Year, I will submit a completed Orange County Teacher of the Year application to the Orange County Department of Education by its due date. I hereby give my permission for all or any part of this application to be shared with persons promoting the CUSD Teachers of the Year or Orange County Teachers of the Year programs.

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*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date*

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**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THE SPACE PROVIDED.**

**Question #1. Profile:** **(This portion of the application is mandatory):** Respond to one of the two questions below. Your response will be read aloud to the audience as you approach the stage to receive your Teacher of the Year award at the Teachers of the Year Celebration on March 29. **When read aloud, it should not be over one-minute in length.**

**SELECT ONE:**

**BRIEFLY** share an unforgettable memory, funny or serious, that made an impact upon you as a teacher.  
**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

**OR**

**BRIEFLY** describe your “words of wisdom” to any new teacher who is beginning their teaching career.  
**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

**Question #2. Community Service:** **BRIEFLY** describe what community service oriented activities you have participated in as a “teacher-ambassador” for CUSD in the community? Describe how you get your students involved in community service. How do you involve or utilize the community in your classroom?  
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**Question #3. Philosophy of Teacher:** **BRIEFLY** describe your personal views about teaching, including what aspects make you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching. Describe how your views about teaching are demonstrated in your personal teaching style. You might mention how you meet the needs of **ALL** your students. Add any personal quotes you may have. **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

**Question #4. Educational Issues & Trends:** **BRIEFLY** describe what you consider to be the major public education issue today? Include the possible cause, effect and resolution.

**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

**Question #5. Professional Biography:** **BRIEFLY** describe your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**