



# Key to the Classroom/Teacher of the Year Award

## NOMINATION FORM - DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

With more than 2,700 teachers, SSD boasts a wealth of excellent educators. The Key to the Classroom Award recognizes the achievements of these dedicated individuals. Recipients will be interviewed by a committee and one will be selected as the SSD Teacher of the Year. Key to the Classroom Award recipients and the Teacher of the Year will be honored at the district's SSD Salutes banquet on **Thursday, March 5, 2020**.

### Guidelines

- ◆ Nominees for the SSD Key to the Classroom/Teacher of the Year Award must be classroom teachers who are employed by SSD during the current school year. These guidelines are based on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) Teacher of the Year criteria. SSD Teacher of the Year will be the District's candidate for DESE's regional and state competitions.
- ◆ In accordance with region and state guidelines, SSD will select a dedicated and highly-skilled candidate capable of inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities.
- ◆ Because the Missouri Teacher of the Year will be asked to speak on behalf of all state educators, the candidate must be poised, articulate and energetic.
- ◆ Individuals can be nominated by SSD staff, parents, students, partner district staff or community member.
- ◆ Maximum of two nominators per form.

**Complete the form and return it to the Communications Department via one of the following ways:**

**E-mail to:** Wes Buchek at [wbuchek@ssdmo.org](mailto:wbuchek@ssdmo.org)

**By mail to:** SSD Communications; Attn: Wes Buchek; 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country, MO 63131

**By fax:** 314.989.8470

Contact Wes Buchek at [wbuchek@ssdmo.org](mailto:wbuchek@ssdmo.org) or 314.989.8102 with questions.

### PART I - NOMINEE INFORMATION

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

Home Address (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Current Position (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years with SSD (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Department/District Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_



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### PART II - NOMINATOR INFORMATION - Please no more than two nominators

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

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with SSD: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By checking box, you verify all information is accurate.

### How did you hear about this award?

- SSD website ([www.ssdmo.org](http://www.ssdmo.org))
- SSD's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SSDStLCo](http://www.facebook.com/SSDStLCo))
- SSD's Twitter account (@SSDStLCo)
- Special Edition (District newsletter)
- SSD Unfiltered (District e-newsletter)
- From an SSD employee
- SSD Life (Intranet)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_



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### PART III - REASON FOR NOMINATION (Maximum Length - three pages total)

*1. In a few paragraphs, describe what makes the nominee a highly-skilled and successful teacher. Please provide specific examples.*



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### PART III - REASON FOR NOMINATION (continued)

2. *What attributes make the nominee stand out in the school in which they work?*



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### PART III - REASON FOR NOMINATION (continued)

3. Please describe the nominee's ability to speak on behalf of all educators and his/her ability to withstand a busy schedule.

### PART IV - QUOTE

The SSD Communications Department will be featuring the award winners on the District's website and social media platforms. Please provide us with a short quote **about** the person you are nominating to highlight their abilities and what makes them stand out. (One or two sentences.)