



# 2026 Teacher of the Year Guidelines

## Timeline Dates:

**Feb 28**

**DEADLINE** for districts to submit the name of their District TOY to:  
Allison Englund (Allison.Englund@state.sd.us)

All submitted District TOY winners will be invited to submit a Region application.

**March 31**

**DEADLINE** to submit All Regional Teacher of the Year applications.  
Allison Englund  
[Allison.Englund@state.sd.us](mailto:Allison.Englund@state.sd.us)

**April**

**Region TOYs will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week.** Regional TOYs will be notified and asked to complete the 2026 South Dakota Teacher of the Year Application

**June 3**

**DEADLINE to submit State Application and video.** The 2026 South Dakota Teacher of the Year Application packet should be sent to:  
Department of Education  
Attn: Allison Englund  
800 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501  
[Allison.Englund@state.sd.us](mailto:Allison.Englund@state.sd.us)

**July/Aug TBA**

**State Teacher of the Year Selection Day in Pierre**

All required forms are available online at  
<http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/teacheroftheyear.aspx>.

For additional information, contact Allison Englund  
by email at Allison.Englund@state.sd.us or by phone at 605-910-7598