



HURLBURT CHAPTER 398

The Air and Space Forces Association (AFA) Chapter 398 is proud to announce it is accepting nominations for Teacher of the Year (TOY). The purpose of our annual program is to recognize classroom teachers at the chapter, state, and national level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This is a unique opportunity for us to reward special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure. If you are such a teacher or know of an outstanding elementary, middle or high school educator who is really making aerospace education or STEM an emphasis in their daily classroom instruction, we invite you to complete the nomination for our award.

The TOY program is an excellent vehicle to share, and for the AFA to showcase, many of these innovations which can be translated into future classroom instruction and replicated nationwide.

To be an eligible candidate for TOY and/or Space Camp the nominee must be a current elementary, middle, or high school grades teacher. AFA elected officers, voting board members, employees, and their immediate family members (spouse/children) are not eligible for this recognition.

The Teacher of the Year nomination package should contain:

1. Teacher name with appropriate prefix (Mr. Mrs., etc.), teacher email address, teacher cell phone, grade(s) taught, years in current teaching position, and total years teaching, school name, school phone number, school address, Principal's name, and email address.
2. A one-page narrative of the teacher's accomplishments and achievements in support of STEM and the impact of these activities on the students. A two to three statement paragraph of summation which should be included at the end to be used to briefly describe the teacher to others, if selected as a winner.
3. An optional three pages of media articles, other documents, and/or photos that include the teacher with students completing STEM activities (ensure students in photos have media release permission for use).
4. Teacher's jacket size.
5. A letter of recommendation/support from a school official, principal or higher.

The nomination package must include these items and be in this format to be considered. The completed nomination packages must be electronically transmitted to the undersigned at mercoleman@yahoo.com no later than COB March 31, 2024.

The Chapter 398 Executive Board will accept and review the nominations and select a winner in each category (Elementary, Middle, and High School). The winners will be announced before the end of the current school year with the presentation of a \$250 check at their schools.



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Chapter 398 is also sending our overall Teacher of the Year to the Space Camp Educator course, in Huntsville, AL in summer 2024. The teacher will be responsible for their transportation to and from Space Camp. The Chapter will reimburse the Space Camp tuition costs (almost \$1,000) for the selected teacher.

The winner in each TOY category will also be eligible for consideration for nomination as a State Teacher of the Year. The AFA State Teacher of the year will receive:

- A check in the amount of \$500.00.
- A Certificate of Excellence.
- A personalized jacket
- State Teacher of the Year Pin

The AFA appreciates what teachers do. All teachers are making a difference in the lives of their students. Please help us recognize the teachers who are making a difference in STEM education.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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