



## **Dance Education Teacher of the Year Criteria**

Below are the five award criterion. Please outline your qualifications for each criterion. Write no more than two pages of text for each. The applicant should outline qualifications relevant to that criteria, consideration is based on your responses for the criteria.

**Do not include any identifying information  
(i.e., your name, school name or on school/district letter head).**

### Award Criteria

The applicant must be a teacher who:

1. Teaches creatively and utilizes various methodologies that intentionally honors the needs of all students.
2. Presents a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social and psychological needs of the students.
3. Emphasizes the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.
4. Promotes an understanding of dance as a creative art where students and their life experiences are affirmed. Students are encouraged to be creative, discover new ideas and perspectives through participation, observation, and discussion of creative works.
5. Advocates for and supports the profession, as evidenced through partnerships, participation in professional organizations and professional learning opportunities.