



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** December 16, 2022

**TO:** Division Superintendents

**FROM:** Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** **Reminder: 2024 Virginia Teacher of the Year Applications Due in January**

As a reminder and follow-up message to Superintendent's Memo 217-22, the Virginia Department of Education is accepting nominations for the 2024 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year. Application materials are due by **4 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023** to [Teacher.Education@doe.Virginia.gov](mailto:Teacher.Education@doe.Virginia.gov).

All public and accredited nonpublic schools are invited to participate in the 2024 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year Program. This award honors teachers who represent the best in teaching in the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the nation. Since 1964, Virginia has participated in the National Teacher of the Year Program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). In 2006, Virginia's Teacher of the Year Program was renamed in honor of the 1989 Virginia and National Teacher of the Year, Dr. Mary V. Bicouvaris.

The program is open to all teachers in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, including school librarians, guidance counselors, and reading specialists, who hold a current renewable Virginia teaching license in the assigned teaching area. Teachers must be employed in a Virginia public or accredited nonpublic school. Candidates should be dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled, and plan to continue in an active teaching role. Candidates must hold a five- or ten-year renewable Virginia license issued by the Virginia Board of Education. Teachers holding provisional, provisional (special education), provisional (career switcher), eligibility, or international educator licenses are not eligible to participate in the program.

**Attachment A** includes general information about the application and procedures and **Attachment B** is the application to be submitted via email by **4 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023**.

Please direct any questions or requests for additional information to Dr. Meg Homer at [Meghan.Homer@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Meghan.Homer@doe.virginia.gov).

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**Attachments:**

- A. [2024 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year General Information and Procedures](#) (DOCX)
- B. [2024 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year Application](#) (DOCX)