



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Nominations for the 2015 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year Program**

All public and accredited nonpublic schools are invited to participate in the 2015 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year Program to select the next Virginia Teacher of the Year and to honor teachers who represent the best in teaching in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

For more than 40 years, Virginia has participated in the National Teacher of the Year Program. The program is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) in partnership with ING Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs. At its meeting on April 24, 2006, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) named the program in honor of the 1989 Virginia and National Teacher of the Year, 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. 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 status. Candidates who accept administrative or supervisory positions will relinquish their eligibility. Teachers holding provisional, provisional (special education), provisional (career switcher), eligibility, or international educator licenses are not eligible to participate in the program.

The application procedures and a description of the portfolio of information that each nominee must complete are attached. **The application packet must be received by the Virginia Department of Education on or before Friday, May 30, 2014.**

Participation in the Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year Program is an activity that students, teachers, school boards, and parents in every community can share. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, at (804) 371-2475 or [JoAnne.Carver@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:JoAnne.Carver@doe.virginia.gov).

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Attachments:

- a. [Program description and application procedures](#) (PDF)
- b. [Nominee data sheet](#) (Word)

