

TAGT Regional Awards

Outstanding Teacher, Parent, Advocate, and Rising Star

General Information and Nomination Procedures

Regional awards for Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Parent of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and Rising Star Teacher are presented to individuals in recognition of service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. These four awards are facilitated by the TAGT Regional Directors and implemented as follows:

1. These four awards are presented annually in each region with a valid nominee.
2. TAGT Regional Directors solicit and receive nominations by April 1 and determine recipients of each award from his/her region, using the selection criteria noted.
3. Persons submitting nominations for these awards should be familiar with the selection criteria for judging the nominations. Selection criteria are located on the back of each application. Up to three letters of recommendation may be submitted, one each from a student, parent, and educator. Specific examples of the nominee's service and/or contribution/commitment to gifted education should be cited in supporting documentation. Letters should be limited to 500 words and be printed or written legibly. If printed, please use a font size of at least 12 points.
4. Recipients of regional Outstanding Teacher, Parent, and Advocate Awards are eligible for consideration for TAGT's State Awards for Outstanding Teacher, Parent, and Advocate of the Year.

All regional recipients are recognized at the TAGT Annual Conference. Regional award winners are not required to attend the annual conference, but are encouraged to do so. Please note, however, that there will be no remuneration for travel, hotel, and other related expenses for regional award recipients.

TAGT State Awards

Outstanding Teacher, Parent, and Advocate of the Gifted

Each year, three selection committees review nomination materials from that year's regional winners. From that pool, the TAGT State Award Winners for Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted, Outstanding Parent of the Gifted, and Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted are selected.

All three *State* award winners are honored at the TAGT Annual Professional Development Conference for Educators and Parents. They receive a plaque, a complimentary registration for the annual conference, and one night of hotel accommodations. The TAGT State Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 award from the Association. The TAGT State Parent of the Year and the TAGT State Advocate of the Year each receives a lifetime membership to TAGT, valued at \$500.