The Greater Washington Association of Teachers of Foreign Language is proud to announce the World Languages Teacher of the Year competition. The recipient will receive a gift, a personalized award, and will be recognized at a “Teacher of the Year” Celebration.

The award has been developed to honor the field of language teaching in the Washington, D.C. area. It also offers opportunities to increase the visibility of the importance of learning languages and cultures.

**PROCESS OF APPLICATION:**

The World Languages Teacher of the Year process begins with the submission of the requirements for Phase I. GWATFL encourages broad participation and will review sufficient evidence from candidates of their teaching accomplishments and ability to represent the language profession.

**Nominee Requirements for GWATFL World Languages Teacher of the Year**

1. Must be a GWATFL member.

2. The recipient must be willing to meet all of the criteria and to fulfill all of the duties described throughout this document.
   - Be a full-time language teacher employed by a Washington, D.C. area school who spends at least 50% of his or her time in direct teaching during the year of application with an expectation of teaching in the Washington, D.C. area for at least two additional years.
3. The nominee must submit the following:
   - One page letter of recommendation from a supervisor
   - One page letter of recommendation from a current student
   - One page letter of recommendation from a current or former parent
   - *Curriculum vitae* of no more than five pages in length
   - 500-word first-person statement on the value of learning a language and developing cultural competence for all learners
   - A classroom video providing a brief, clear, and concise snapshot from a unit that must include the teacher and must show teacher interacting with students in the target language that is a continuous, non-edited 20-minute segment of a lesson

**Submission Procedures**

1. Nominees will submit the required documents as stated in the Nominee Requirements by **October 1, 2020**.

   All materials submitted to GWATFL must be shared with connect@gwatfldc.org via Google Drive. Please do not mail or email your materials.

   Please contact us for details and guidelines on sharing your portfolio.

   **Nominees failing to meet the deadlines or requirements will be disqualified — all documents must be RECEIVED by October 1, 2020.**

2. The winner will be notified by October 15, 2020 and will be formally recognized at the GWATFL Fall event.

   Download the Application Process and Submission Procedures for GWATFL Teacher of the Year here: