

PhysTEC Local Teacher of the Year Award

The PhysTEC Teacher of the Year program aims to recognize outstanding physics teachers and the high quality programs of PhysTEC sites. By nominating a graduate of your institution to be recognized as a **2020 PhysTEC Local Teacher of the Year** you will continue to demonstrate your commitment to quality Physics Teacher preparation and the positive impact your graduates can have on their communities and their students. This award also provides your institution a means to stay connected with your graduates, and hold them up as models for your current students.

Each PhysTec Member Institution may select one graduate

- Who is currently a full-time teacher with at least three years of experience.
- Who has spent a significant¹ amount of time teaching Physics during their career.
- Who has demonstrated success or impact on their students learning, has inspired their students to consider a career in Physics, or has made significant contributions to increasing the diversity, equity, and inclusion of students into the Physics or broader STEM community.

Your Nominee, If selected as a *Local Teacher of the Year* will receive

- Invitation to apply for the **National PhysTEC Teacher of The Year Award** - National Award Winners will be invited to speak at the AAPT 2020 Summer Meeting in Grand Rapids Michigan, and the 2021 PhysTEC Annual Meeting.
- Letters of commendation sent to their school, school district, and local Federal Congressional Representatives.
- Their names listed on the PhysTEC Teacher of The Year Website and your institutions PhysTEC website

Your Institution will also be provided with a letter of merit which will be sent to your Dean or Provost which will promote your continued commitment to the education of future Physics Teacher Leaders and the very positive changes you are contributing to both local and national educational and workforce development priorities.

Deadline for selection is March 20, 2020

Nomination process for Member Institutions

- Organize a local selection process that identifies eligible candidates, defines selection criteria in line with National Guidelines, and makes a selection.
- Notify PhysTEC of your nomination for a **Local PhysTEC Teacher of The Year** award by completing [this short form](#). As part of this form you will be asked to supply a short description about why you are nominating this particular teacher.

Your Institutional Teacher of The Year Awardee will then be contacted about the National Award Process. The National PhysTEC Teacher of The Year will be announced in early May, 2020.

¹ "Significant" can be defined by the institution