

# ADTSEA TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

## In Honor of Frank Kenel

### AMERICAN DRIVER AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's (ADTSEA) Teacher Excellence Award (TEA) sponsored by The National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF), honors outstanding driver and traffic safety educators.

The non-profit National Road Safety Foundation has been a strong supporter of driver education throughout its more than 57 years. NRSF produces and distributes, at no charge, educational films, teaching manuals and public service campaigns for use by professionals in driver education, traffic safety, public health and law enforcement. More than a million copies of the Foundation's films and materials have been distributed nationwide. Based in New York City, NRSF was founded in 1962 by Fraydun Manocherian, who as a teen, lost two friends to a drunk driver. For more information, visit [www.nrsf.org](http://www.nrsf.org) or contact Michelle Anderson at 212-837-4854.

Candidates are nominated for outstanding teaching and service to driver and traffic safety education by an ADTSEA state-affiliate or regional director. Nominees must be a current ADTSEA member and active in their ADTSEA affiliated state or regional association for the past 3 years. Each ADTSEA state-affiliate may nominate one person for the TEA. ADTSEA members, from states not affiliated with ADTSEA, can be nominated by the regional director from the member's region. All nominees should be high quality teachers who are committed to excellence and deliver high quality driver education programs.

All TEA candidates will be recognized during the conference. Applications will be reviewed by the TEA committee and those individuals who are determined to be TEA recipients will be recognized and honored by their peers and will receive a stipend and plaque from ADTSEA. In addition, TEA recipients will receive a special identification name badge to wear during the conference.

Each nominee must complete and submit the form, *Nomination for Teacher Excellence Award*, as well as a resume', Power Point program demonstrating your innovation in teaching, and written responses to questions. Signatures by ADTSEA State or Regional affiliates officers are required. Submissions may be mailed electronically to Harold Fleming, [hfresearch2007@hotmail.com](mailto:hfresearch2007@hotmail.com). All materials are due **March 15, 2022**. Teacher Excellence Award documents may be accessed at <https://www.adtsea.org/driver-ed-awards.phtml>.

TEA award recipients are expected to present in one Secondary Division Session during the annual ADTSEA Conference by showcasing effective teaching strategies, skills development, and/or lesson ideas for classroom and/or in-car instruction that enhances the learner's knowledge and/or skills in driver and traffic safety education, promotes national standards in traffic safety, and/or promotes traffic safety within the school and community.

We hope many people will promote the activity and help showcase great teachers. For additional information please feel free to contact Harold Fleming, facilitator, 704-995-7025, [hfresearch2007@hotmail.com](mailto:hfresearch2007@hotmail.com).

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#### Candidate Information

|                                     |      |             |  |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------|--|
| Name                                |      |             |  |
| Street/PO Box                       |      |             |  |
| City                                |      | State / Zip |  |
| Phone Number<br>(include area code) | Home |             |  |
|                                     | Work |             |  |
|                                     | Cell |             |  |
| Email Address                       |      |             |  |

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|-------------------------------------|------|-------------|--|
| School/Business                     |      |             |  |
| Street/PO Box                       |      |             |  |
| City                                |      | State / Zip |  |
| Phone Number<br>(include area code) | Work |             |  |
|                                     | Cell |             |  |

#### TEA Candidate

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| I am a current ADTSEA member and have been an active state association member for the past 3 years. I have been a teacher of driver and traffic safety education for 5 years including the current year. I understand that a completed application package is my responsibility and that an incomplete application will not be considered. |
| Signature of Nominee   |

**(Complete one set of boxes below)**  
**STATE-Affiliate Officer**

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| I certify that the TEA candidate is a member in good standing in our state.                          | State:                            |
| I certify that the candidate is/was a Teacher of the Year in our state for the year (if applicable). | Year:                      or N/A |
|  |                                   |
| Print Name of State Officer  | Signature of State Officer        |
|  |                                   |
| State Officer Phone Number   | State Officer Email Address       |

#### REGIONAL Director

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|---|---|
| I certify that the above TEA candidate is a member of the _____ Region and is recommended as a TEA candidate. This individual meets the basic requirements for consideration, is currently teaching novice drivers, and is an outstanding teacher of driver and traffic safety education. | Region:<br>North East              Southeast<br>Central                      West |
|   |   |
| Print Name of Regional Director   | Signature of Regional Director  |
|   |   |
| Regional Director Phone Number  | Regional Director Email Address   |

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Criteria and Requirements for Nomination

I. Teacher Excellence Award Candidates

1. Must be a current ADTSEA member and an active member for the past 3 years of an ADTSEA affiliated state or region association.
2. Must be a teacher of driver and traffic safety education for a minimum of 5 years.
3. Must currently be a teacher of driver and traffic safety education for teen novice drivers (approximate ages 15-18 years of age) in a high school, private school, commercial school, ESD, and/or community college/college setting.
4. Each state may have one Teacher Excellence Award candidate. Candidates may be nominated by
  - a. An ADTSEA state-affiliated association with the application reviewed and signed by a State Officer or ADTSEA Regional Director in which the candidate lives and/or teaches.

OR

  - b. An ADTSEA Regional Director in which the candidate lives or teaches if the individual does not have an ADTSEA state-affiliate organization.
5. Must complete an application for the TEA Award
  - a. The candidate is responsible for submitting a completed application.
  - b. All written materials must be in Windows Microsoft Office, Mac Microsoft Office, Mac OS Keynote and Pages or in Adobe Acrobat pdf file format.
  - c. Applications must be submitted on or before **March 15, 2021** to Harold Fleming, [hfresearch2007@hotmail.com](mailto:hfresearch2007@hotmail.com).
6. Along with the application, candidates must submit:
  - a. A resume' with the following information
    - i. Name, address, phone number(s), email
    - ii. Educational background
    - iii. Professional development activities
    - iv. At least one letter of reference from a person who is acquainted with your teaching and contributions to driver education. Also include contact information for someone who can provide information about the candidate's teaching (include title, name, address, phone, and email information). You may submit more than one letter of recommendation if you wish.
  - b. A Microsoft Office Power Point with 15-20 slides (max 20) that
    - i. Demonstrates teaching strategies in the classroom and/or in-car setting that enhance the learner's knowledge and skills in driver and traffic safety education
    - ii. Promotes national standards in driver and traffic safety education
    - iii. Promotes traffic safety within the school and/or community
    - iv. Other activities that demonstrate the candidate's teaching excellence
    - v. Power Point presentations may include embedded video in any of the following formats--.wmv, .mp4, .m4a.

c. Written responses for the following:

- i. What motivated you to become involved in traffic safety education?
- ii. Describe a conversation you would have with your governor, a state senator or representative concerning traffic safety education.
- iii. Identify 3 ways driver education will need to change in the near and long term to remain relevant to teens and the public? Select one of these changes and expand on your thinking.
- iv. Recruitment, training, and retention of new driver education teachers is lagging in some states and jurisdictions. Choose one of the aforementioned and describe how you would alter our current practices to change this trend to increase and keep quality driver education teachers in our profession.

7. TEA award recipients are expected to make a presentation in one Secondary Division Session during the annual ADTSEA Conference by showcasing effective teaching strategies, skills development, and/or lesson ideas for classroom and/or in-car instruction that enhance the learner's knowledge and/or skills in driver and traffic safety education, promotes national standards in traffic safety, and/or promotes traffic safety within the school and community.

## II. Teacher Excellence Award Candidates and Recipients

1. There may be one candidate nominated per state.
2. There may be a maximum number of award recipients.
3. Award recipients will be determined by the Teacher Excellence Award Committee. The committee is comprised of former award recipients. The decision of the committee is final.
4. All TEA candidates will be recognized during the annual ADTSEA Conference and will receive a certificate as a TEA candidate.
5. A Teacher Excellence Award Recipient will receive:
  - a. A certificate and/or plaque recognizing the individual as an award recipient
  - b. A stipend of \$250
  - c. Complimentary 2022 Conference Registration.