

Teacher of the Year Nomination Form (2026)

Colorado Classics Association

The Colorado Classics Association Teacher of the Year Award is intended to recognize sustained and distinguished teaching in the field of Classics and service to CCA and the broader Classics profession.

Eligibility: Preference is given to candidates who have been members of the CCA in good standing for at least three years. Candidates must be teachers of classical languages or classical humanities, broadly defined, in a K-12 environment, working in Colorado. Current Co-Presidents are not eligible while serving, but all other CCA officers are.

Selection: One recipient will be selected each year by a committee consisting of current CCA members as designated by the CCA Co-Presidents. The selection committee should consist of three members, with preference given to retired teachers and former winners of the award. Committee members will serve for three-year terms and every effort should be made to stagger these so that only one new member is added to the committee each year. Recipients will be recognized and have their awards presented to them by the CCA Co-Presidents at the spring meeting of the CCA.

Nominations / deadline: Only nominations submitted using this form will be accepted. These should be sent via email to CCA Co-President Reina Callier (reina.callier@colorado.edu) or Helen Vickery (helen.vickery@bvsd.org) by March 15, 2026. Self-nominations are not permitted, but an individual may contact an administrator, supervisor, fellow teacher, CCA member, student, or parent and request to be nominated.

Renewal: Once submitted, nominations will be kept active for three consecutive years, unless the nominator wishes to withdraw the nomination and states this in an email or letter. Nominators are encouraged to update nominations during this period with new or supplemental information in order to improve the nominee's prospects.

Award: Winners will receive \$100 and a framed certificate of the award

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Full Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Email: _____

Number of Years in Latin / Classics Teaching Profession: _____

CCA Member Since: _____

Subject(s) Taught:

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

(e.g. Administrator, Supervisor, Fellow Teacher, CCA Member, Student, Parent)

Nominee's Accomplishments: The nominator should provide evidence in as many of the following categories as possible. The nominator may choose to contact the candidate personally for this information, but the nominator may also proceed without making contact. The responses do not need to be recorded in continuous prose. The more information provided, the better the chances the candidate will succeed.

1. Participation in CCA (offices held, presentations given, contributions of time to organization or outreach).
2. Evidence of the success, size, and growth of the teacher's program.
3. Examples of innovative and creative classroom activity.
4. Evidence of improved student learning.
5. Significant numbers of students who continue their study of the classics at the next available level.
6. Examples of outreach and promotion of the classics inside and outside of the teacher's institution.
7. Evidence of the teacher's professional service and profession development.
8. Participation in CJCL and / or NJCL, and evidence of student success in these groups.
9. Participation in ACL, CAMWS, SCS, or other national or regional organizations.
10. Examples of student travel and field trips which enhance learning and promote the program.