



## Announcement for the CLASS Award in 2019

Submission deadline by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

The CLASS Awards Committee is delighted to announce The Yao Memorial Award for Outstanding New Teacher and Outstanding Chinese Teacher Award for 2019. The committee will be accepting the applications by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The final selection of the award recipients for both of the CLASS awards will be announced at the annual CLASS Luncheon on November 23<sup>rd</sup> which is held in conjunction with the 2019 ACTFL Convention in Washington, D.C.

We highly encourage qualified teachers to consider submitting application according to the descriptions of both awards. CLASS accepts both self-nomination and/or a nomination made by school administrator or colleague in the profession. All applicants will be honored and gain visibility for their school and/or district for their excellent efforts and support in promoting and advocating the teaching and the learning of Chinese language and culture in K-12 schools. Your dedication and commitment to teaching Chinese as a new teacher not only provide opportunities for your students and your professional growth, but also serve to create a more diverse, tolerant and empathetic environment for our schools and communities. CLASS cordially invite you to apply for this award as we celebrate and take pride in our teaching profession at the national level during the annual ACTFL Convention.

Please collect and submit all your application materials/documents **in one package** via email to [klassk12awards@gmail.com](mailto:klassk12awards@gmail.com) by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The CLASS Award committee will acknowledge the acceptance of your submission by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that any incomplete application with missing documents will not be accepted. The award recipient will be notified via e-mail by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The award recipient is responsible for making travel arrangement to attend the CLASS sponsored sessions during the 2019 ACTFL Conference.

### The Yao Memorial Award for Outstanding New Teacher

#### 姚道中优秀新教师奖

The Yao Memorial Award for the Outstanding New Teacher recognizes an individual of the Chinese teaching profession who has been teaching in K-12 public or independent schools for less than 5 years and is currently in at least a half time position. S/he must demonstrate excellence and passion in teaching the Chinese language and culture. All members of CLASS, with the exception of current CLASS officers and members of the elected Board of Directors, are eligible for the award. This award consists of a plaque in recognition of his/her excellence in teaching, one-year CLASS membership and a scholarship amount that is equivalent to the ACTFL registering fee.

To apply please submit the following materials/documents in one application package via e-mail to classk12awards@gmail.com by May 3rd, 2019.

- A cover letter indicates the applicant's personal information such as name, address, school name and address, principal's name and email contact, and a proof of the applicant's CLASS membership in the current year of the application. (You may print out a copy of your CLASS member card by login your personal account via CLASS membership site.)
- An up to date curriculum vitae that indicates total years of service in the Chinese teaching field and employment history.
- A one-page professional statement detailing teaching philosophy and inspirations.
- An unedited 10-15 minutes video sample of a snapshot of your classroom teaching. Please also submit the lesson plan of the classroom teaching you have chosen to show in the video and the reflection/self-critique of the segment. Any video that has been edited will not be acceptable.
- Two recommendation letters from colleagues with at least one of the letters from a mentor teacher or a supervisor about your professional growth to become a role-model for other new teachers in the K-12 Chinese teaching field.

## **Outstanding Chinese Teacher Award**

### **全美优秀中文教师奖**

The Outstanding Chinese Teacher Award recognizes an individual of the Chinese teaching profession who is currently in practice and has held a full-time position for at least 5 years. S/he has demonstrated excellence in teaching Chinese language and culture to students at K-12 schools. All members of CLASS, with the exception of current CLASS officers and members of the elected Board of Directors, are eligible for the award. This award consists of a plaque in recognition of his/her excellence in teaching.

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- A cover letter indicates the applicant's personal information such as name, address, school name and address, principal's name and email contact, and a proof of the applicant's CLASS membership in the current year of the application. (You may print out a copy of your CLASS member card by login your personal account via CLASS membership site.)
- An up to date curriculum vitae that indicates total years of service in the Chinese teaching field and employment history.
- A one-page professional statement detailing teaching philosophy and inspirations.
- An unedited 10-15 minutes video sample of a snapshot of your classroom teaching. Please also submit the lesson plan of the particular classroom teaching you have chosen to show.
- Two recommendation letters from colleagues or supervisors.