



# CHAMPION AWARD

Bilingual/ESL Teacher of the Year

## Eligibility

Any certified ESL and/or bilingual teacher currently teaching in a Title III-funded school with more than 3 years of experience teaching emergent bilingual students.

## Criteria

### **Knowledge and use of effective, active, and engaging pedagogy**

Strong teacher candidates regularly build upon their knowledge of language acquisition research and strategies, successfully implementing best practices into the classroom setting, while building on equitable instructional practices.

### **Strategies to include diverse needs, cultures, and interests**

Strong teacher candidates recognize the diverse needs of emergent bilingual students and promote student cultures and interests within the classroom setting.

### **Passion for teaching and learning**

Strong teacher candidates exemplify an excitement and enthusiasm for teaching emergent bilingual students, and regularly participates in professional development opportunities that increase knowledge and skills in teaching emergent bilingual students.

### **Encouragement of parent, family, and/or community engagement**

Strong teacher candidates coordinate activities to assist parents and families in helping their children improve their academic achievement and becoming active participants in the education of their children.

### **Sharing teaching and learning expertise**

Strong teacher candidates will have extended their teaching and learning experience and/or expertise to other faculty and the larger academic community.

### **Nomination Form**

