

CABE 2025 Teacher of the Year Guidelines

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) acknowledges the exceptional work of bilingual classroom teachers in California. This award honors educators who have supported and contributed significantly to bilingual education. During our annual conference, we will recognize an exemplary bilingual classroom teacher for their excellence, dedication, and advocacy for bilingual education and educational equity for multilingual and English learner students. We invite you to nominate one individual for the CABE 2025 Teacher of the Year award. The selected Teacher of the Year recipient will be notified on January 9, 2025.

Award

The CABE 2025 Teacher of the Year awardee will receive one (1) complimentary registration for the CABE 2025 Conference, round-trip transportation, one-night hotel lodging, two (2) meal tickets for the Awards Luncheon (one ticket for awardee & one ticket for a guest), an award of \$1,000, and a commemorative plaque.

NABE Bilingual Teacher of the Year

The CABE 2025 Teacher of the Year will be the California nominee for the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) 2026 Bilingual Teacher of the Year. The California representative, if selected as the NABE Bilingual Teacher of the Year, will receive a \$500 scholarship to further his or her education, one (1) complimentary registration for the NABE annual conference, one (1) NABE Award luncheon ticket, an air travel ticket, and two (2) nights lodging at the NABE Conference headquarters hotell.

Deadline

All entries must be received by December 6, 2024, at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) via the online application along with all required documents. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Nomination Criteria

- · Must be a current CABE member through April 30, 2025
- · Must be a California resident
- Must be a current bilingual/biliteracy teacher (PreK-12)
- · Minimum of 3 years serving multilingual and English learner students as a bilingual/biliteracy teacher
- Possesses a bilingual teacher authorization (PreK-12) or certification
- Has made outstanding contributions to bilingual education
- Possesses an educational philosophy that reflects multicultural competency and has high expectation for multilingual and English learners students
- · Evidence of advocacy of bilingual/biliteracy programs

Requirements

- A candidate statement (4 page maximum, double-spaced) that includes philosophy of education, community service, experience as a bilingual teacher in the classroom, inspirational anecdote, the reason for becoming a bilingual teacher, and information about CABE service.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, including one (1) letter from your immediate supervisor. (The supervisor's letter should be dated within one year.)
- A video (3-5 minutes in length) showing the nominee interacting with students in the classroom.
- Candidate's photo (a high-quality JPG or TIFF image file, no smaller than 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi.)

















