



**CFSD FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Foundation raises supplemental funds to attract, develop and retain excellent teachers throughout the district.

**The Teacher of the Year (TOY)** program highlights the contributions of Catalina Foothills’ teachers and has the support of the CFSD Foundation. The program annually recognizes two exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers from a group of 5 “Distinguished Educators”. Nominees are those who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers, and who inspire learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. They play an active and useful role in their communities as well as in their schools, distinguishing themselves as leaders.

**TIMELINE**

November 1	Nominations Open
November 30	Deadline for nomination forms (3:00 PM)
December 10	Applications distributed to all eligible teachers
January 20	Deadline for teacher applications (5:00 PM)
January 30	Panel Interviews with 5 finalists
February 1	TOY Announcement
April TBD	Teachers of the Year honored at TOY Family Event

**PROCESS**

**Teachers may be nominated by students, parents, co-workers, and administrators, or may self nominate.** A list of nominees will be given to principals at each site to determine eligibility. Applicants must be AZ certificated teachers in at least their 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, currently teaching Pre-Kindergarten through 12 in the Catalina Foothills School District, spend the majority of their day in direct instruction to students and be in good standing with their school principal and district administration.

**Interested applicants must submit a written application** which will be blind-scored on a rubric by a school representative selection committee consisting of parents on the TOY committee. Five finalists will be named “Distinguished Educators” and will be scheduled for an interview as part of the final selection. The interview team, consisting of community members, CFSD alumni and the previous year’s TOYs, will make the final selection. Two “Teachers of the Year” will be selected. The Teachers of the Year and the finalists will be honored at their school sites and at the CFSD Foundation’s TOY Family Event.

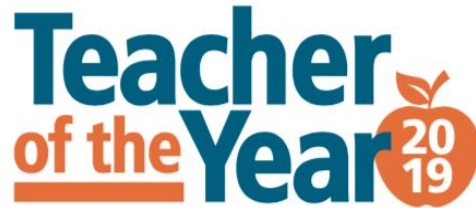
**Rewards for Teachers of the Year:**

- \$2,000 cash award
- 4 tickets to TOY Family Event
- Engraved plaque
- Professional Portrait

**Reward for “Distinguished Educator” Finalists:**

- \$500 cash award
- 2 tickets to TOY Family Event
- Engraved plaque

**TOY is sponsored by the CFSD Foundation, with support from the Family Faculty Organization at each school.**



### **Nomination Form**

Applicants must be Arizona certificated teachers in at least their 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, currently teaching Pre-K through 12 in the Catalina Foothills School District, spend the majority of the school day in direct instruction with students, and be in good standing with their school principal and district administration.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/subject(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe below, or on a separate page, why you feel the above named teacher is deserving of the CFSD Foundation Teacher of the Year award.

Nominations open November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email this completed form to [TOY@cfsdfoundation.org](mailto:TOY@cfsdfoundation.org), use the online nomination form at [cfsdfoundation.org](http://cfsdfoundation.org) or mail to CFSD Foundation, Attn: TOY, P.O. Box 65150, Tucson, AZ 85728

**Nomination deadline: 3:00 p.m., November 30, 2018**