



THE NATIONAL
ITALIAN AMERICAN
FOUNDATION

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Application for the Year *2009*

The application should be typed or word-processed. Material should be either single-stapled or submitted with a clip/clasp, with no binding. The completed applications and any support materials submitted cannot be returned to the applicant or the nominator. We suggest the applicant keep a copy of all submitted material. All applications must be submitted by mail in their entirety, including all attachments and letters of support. Partial or incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Once the application has been submitted, no changes or additions will be permitted.

Submit application in its entirety, in the order below:

PART A (TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE NOMINATING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL)

- Section 1 (biographical)
- Section 2 (narrative)

PART B (TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE NOMINATED TEACHER)

- Section 1 (biographical)
- Section 2 through 7 (narrative)

PART C (three letters of support)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application post-mark deadline:	Friday, June 26, 2009
Notification date:	Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Acceptance date:	Friday, September 11, 2009
Award ceremony (Washington, DC):	October 2009 (NIAF Gala weekend; Date TBD)
Study in Italy*:	July 2009 (estimated)

*2009 recipient may defer study in Italy for one year. Award expires summer 2011.

PART A, Section 1 (to be filled out by nominating school principal)

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Title _____

Nominee School(s) _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Title _____

School _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____

Years of Supervision of Nominee _____

PART A, Section 2.

Please attach a narrative supporting this nomination for NIAF Italian Teacher of the Year. You are encouraged to address how the applicant excels at the 5 criteria for selection. (Limit: 4 pages, double spaced).

Nominator Signature _____ Date _____

PART B, Section 1 (to be filled out by the nominated teacher)

Name _____

Title _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

School(s) Name _____

School Address _____

School Telephone: Main # (_____) _____

Department # (_____) _____

School Profile: ___ Urban ___ Suburban ___ Rural

District Name: _____

Number of Students: In School: _____ Taught by Nominee: _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, telephone, social security number and date of birth) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the NIAF Teacher of the Year Award Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PART B, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 7, THE SECTION NUMBER AND ESSAY TOPIC SHOULD APPEAR AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE.

LIMIT ANSWERS TO THE NUMBER OF PAGES REQUESTED IN EACH SECTION (TYPE SIZE NO SMALLER THAN 10 POINT).

Section 2. Education History and Professional Development Activities

(attach a maximum of two single-spaced pages).

- A. Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history including time period, grade level and subject area.
- C. Beginning with the most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other related activities.
- D. Beginning with the most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of new teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards received and other recognition of your teaching.

Section 3. Creativity and Innovation: Describe creative and innovative ways that you have taught Italian language and/or culture. (Attach a maximum of two double-spaced pages).

Section 4. Interdisciplinary Approach. Address the ways in which you have connected the teaching of Italian language and culture to a variety of subjects and disciplines. (Maximum two double-spaced pages).

Section 5. Student Impact: Give examples of how you have inspired students and impacted students' attitudes on learning. (Maximum two double-spaced pages).

Section 6. Dedication and Community Impact: Describe your dedication to the advancement of teaching Italian language and culture. Describe your impact on the school and local community related to Italian language and/or culture. (Maximum two double-spaced pages).

Section 7. Professional Development: List any professional development activities in which you have participated. Describe your "wish list" for professional development activities you would like to participate in. (Maximum two double-spaced pages).

PART C: Letters of Support: Attach three letter of support from any of the following: superintendent, school principal (other than the nominator), administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader. Letters that specifically target your strong points and address how you have excelled at one of more of the five evaluation criteria will be especially helpful to the Award Committee in your evaluation. Specific examples are encouraged.

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