

# History of Teacher of the Year

**1974** The American Home Economics Association (now AAFCS) entered into a partnership with Family Circle Magazine to establish the Home Economics Teacher of the Year Program. Family Circle, a division of the New York Times Company, recognized that the “home economics” teaching profession is a vital force in the classroom and in the community.

The award was initially designed as a national competition among winners at the affiliate level. Family Circle continued its co-sponsorship of the award for a seven-year period, 1974–1980.

**1981 Chesebrough Ponds** became the co-sponsor of the award.

**1990 Glencoe–McGraw Hill** co-partnered with AAFCS for the Teacher of the Year award.

2008 to present Goodheart–Willcox became the sponsoring partner of the award which is also supported by the Teacher of the Year endowment and the Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Education Community (ESAE).



# AAFCS National Teacher of the Year Award Recipients



- 2026** Shawna Wilson, MN
- 2025** Mia Battistone, MN
- 2024** Nicole Heflin, IN
- 2023** Carmen Pedersen, GA
- 2022** Christina Desimone, MD
- 2021** Lori Henry, MN
- 2020** Kayla Correll, WI
- 2019** Heather Jones, VA
- 2018** Jenny Watson, NC
- 2017** Brenda Osman, IN
- 2016** Megan Palmer, GA
- 2015** Mary Carver, OK
- 2014** Christy Wilson, SC



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## Prepare your Application

**Enter** and become your affiliate's Teacher of the Year recipient.

**Prepare** the national application for Teacher of the Year posted at [www.AAFCS.org](http://www.AAFCS.org)

**Ask** for help or assistance from your affiliate awards chair, president, previous winners, the ESAE Community or go to [www.AAFCS.org/Awards](http://www.AAFCS.org/Awards).

## Application Criteria

**Nominee must** be a current AAFCS member at the time of submission and at the time of the conference plus for at least 3 consecutive years immediately prior to the submission.

**Nominee must** be employed as a fulltime, permanent FCS teacher in grades K-12 or fulltime, permanent FCS teacher who has retired within 12 months of award deadline.

**Nominee must** complete a five-step application in a professional manner, showing goals, outcomes, student and community impact, and professional commitment to FCS.

**Nominee must** display their *TOY Nomination Package* at the ESAE Curriculum Showcase at the AAFCS National Conference.

**Broad Curriculum Focus** – Applicant may use an original, expanded, or substantially modified traditional FCS content area or a teaching emphasis consistently embedded in their curriculum, i.e., service learning, technology, project-based learning, STEM, or communications.

## Benefits of Applying:

**Personal:** The award recognizes that what a teacher does has the potential for a lifetime impact on the lives of students.

**Financial:** Financial benefits include an award of \$2,500 from Goodheart-Willcox and a \$1000 reimbursement by AAFCS for costs to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference and to pay for a one-year AAFCS membership

**School:** Teacher of the year status benefits the school and community when one of its own achieves this high honor.



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