The purpose of this program is to recognize classroom teachers at the chapter and state level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and preparing students to use and contribute to tomorrow’s technologies. This is a unique opportunity for chapters to recognize and reward outstanding teachers who are furthering excellence in making coming to class an adventure by teaching or integrating aerospace-related STEM topics/programs.

# Guidelines and Criteria

Chapters may select one TOY from any grade level for submission to AFA National to receive award components. **If the chapter wishes to recognize more than one Chapter TOY**, they may do so but will need to contact AFA National to purchase additional award components. NOTE: only one $250 check per chapter will be provided by AFA National for this award.

AFA elected officers, voting board members, employees, and their immediate family members (spouse/children) are not eligible for this recognition.

The program runs from January 1 to April 30. AEVPs are encouraged to select Chapter TOYs in time to allow for submission of State TOY nomination packages by April 30 (National TOY package by May 31) and in time to recognize Chapter TOYs at schools before the end of the school year.

The Chapter TOY nomination form below must be completed.

The AEVP should have each teacher submit the following to be scanned and attached to the nomination form:

1. A one-page narrative of the teacher’s accomplishments and achievements in support of aerospace- related STEM and the impact of these activities on the students.
2. A letter of recommendation/support from a school official, principal, or higher.
3. Optional three pages of newspaper articles, other documents, and/or photos that include the teacher with students completing aerospace-related STEM activities. Ensure students in photos have media release permission for use.

**Note for Chapter AEVP**: Fully completed Chapter Teacher of the Year Nomination Form and associated documents should be sent to [education@afa.org](mailto:education@afa.org) at least three weeks prior to Chapter TOY award presentation to give AFA National time to provide award components through mail. Only one Chapter TOY nomination package should then be forwarded to the State AEVP for State TOY consideration by date set by State AEVP. (Should be before the April 30 deadline to give State AEVP time to submit by the deadline.)

Additional information can be found in the [Field Operations Guidebook](https://airforcehq.sharepoint.com/sharedataAFA/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9haXJmb3JjZWhxLnNoYXJlcG9pbnQuY29tLzpmOi9nL3NoYXJlZGF0YUFGQS9Fa2xDZkxCdlp0dE5uUHRjY05tcEh2UUJPWldTeURPRjYtX1ZTQlZaSzNqNHpRP3J0aW1lPW5IcThiVnhaMTBn&amp;id=%2FsharedataAFA%2FShared%20Documents%2FAFA%20Field%20Resources%2FGuidebooks%20and%20Handbooks%2FFOG%5FOct2019%2EFINAL%2Epdf&amp;parent=%2FsharedataAFA%2FShared%20Documents%2FAFA%20Field%20Resources%2FGuidebooks%20and%20Handbooks) and at  [https://www.afa.org/education/teacher-of-the-year.](https://www.afa.org/education/teacher-of-the-year)

# Chapter Information

Chapter: Chapter AEVP name & e-mail: Number of Chapter TOYs selected: Date awards needed by: Are the additional TOYs being submitted at the same time? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

# Teacher Information

Name: Email: Phone: Address: Subject(s) taught: Grade(s) taught: Years in current teaching position: Total years teaching: How the teacher was selected:

# School Information

School name: Phone: Address: Principal: Email:

# Nomination Package Checklist

* One-page narrative ☐ Letter of Support ☐ Optional 3 pages of documents

# Chapter President Endorsement

Chapter President: Date: Email: Phone: Address: