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APPLICATION - Global Teacher Prize

The Global Teacher Prize is a US $1 million award presented to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to their profession.

The Global Teacher Prize serves to underline the importance of educators and the fact that, throughout the world, their efforts deserve to be recognised and celebrated. It seeks to acknowledge the impacts of the very best teachers – not only on their students but on the communities around them.

Applicant's Full Name

PLEASE NOTE:

AI CONTENT: All prize applications will undergo a thorough check for AI-generated content, and any use of such content could lead to disqualification from the competition.

To support your application you will need to provide the following supporting documents (please see 'Attachments' section of the application form for full details):

• Reference: Your reference should come from the institution where you are employed as a teacher. It should also highlight your credibility as a teacher or serve as a recommendation for the Global Teacher Prize.
• Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
• Any supporting evidence of official and/or public recognition of your achievements.

In which language are you completing this form?

Please specify the language in which you are filling out the form.

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Date of Birth
(Year-Month-Day)

Alternative email address (optional)

Mobile number (optional)

Phone number

City

State

Nationality

Language(s)

Please tell us what language(s) you are comfortable speaking.

Country

Teaching Awards or Recognition of your Achievements - please list maximum of 15 (optional)

Please provide specific examples of recognition for your work. This could include teaching awards, mentions in press or academic publications, testimonials from students, peers, or principals, or active senior-level membership in an external organization that supports education. Maximum of 15 examples.

Please give details of your formal training in teaching (if any)

Is there any additional information you would like to share? (optional) 300 words

Name of current school where you work.

The name of the institution you are currently employed.

Social Media

Insert Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/LinkedIn/YouTube/Tiktok/other social details

Age range of students (for example 4-10 years)

Date you joined your current school

How many students attend your school?

Type of school or institution

- Government / State
- Private / Independent
- Grammar
- Faith
- Special Educational Needs
- Online
- Other

International School

Subject taught

How many hours per week do you teach children in a classroom setting at the moment?

Please note: Our criteria require teachers to spend a minimum of 10 hours per week teaching children in a face-to-face setting.

Have you been teaching for over 5 years?

Yes

No

Date you entered the teaching profession

List of schools you have taught at with dates

Other way to contact you, please list. (optional)

How did you find out about the Global Teacher Prize?

News

Social Media

Friend/Family Member

School

Colleague

Search Engine

Other, please specify

Are you a member of a teaching union?

Yes

No

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• You may include up to two web links per answer; responses with more will not be reviewed.

1. YOUR STORY 500 words

Please tell us why you deserve to win the Global Teacher Prize. Share your story about being a teacher, your background, why you chose to dedicate your career to teaching and why you believe you have made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

Please include specific examples of the challenges you have faced, your innovation in the classroom, your classroom results, and your impact in the community. Finally, if you had to choose one achievement that you feel makes you worthy of winning Global Teacher Prize, what would it be?

2. CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES 300 words

Please tell us about the context in which you teach and any particular challenges that your school or students face.

For instance, the personal, health, learning, family, or social and environmental obstacles that your students have to overcome.

3. YOUR TEACHING APPROACH 300 words

Please tell us about your teaching approach.

(For example, are there tried and tested models of practice that you have used which are effective, replicable and scaleable?)

4. INNOVATION 300 words

Tell us about any creative, unusual or otherwise extraordinary teaching practices you have introduced in your lessons that you believe has made a difference to your students' education or even helped them overcome any particular challenges they may face.

(For example, innovative instructional practices such as introducing technology into the classroom, redesigning how you teach the curriculum, working with other organisations, evidence on fostering wider softer skills and personal attributes in young people which support their development for the future labour force and society etc.)

5. CLASSROOM ACHIEVEMENT 300 words

Please highlight some of the measurable outcomes that are the result of your teaching practices.

(Give specific examples of how your teaching has produced excellent results in terms of student outcomes. This could be through examination or test results which illustrate student progress. It may be through improvement in inspection results/special recognition such as awards for your school, class or students. It may be the number of students who have gone to university/ college and graduated, or improved student behaviour or attendance. Please include numbers/scores showing the impact you have had on individuals/groups of students).

6. ABOVE AND BEYOND - COMMUNITY IMPACT 300 words

Please tell us about what you do “above and beyond” the requirements of your role to ensure your students get the education you feel they deserve. In addition please tell us about work that you do in the community that is separate to your work as a teacher.

For example: creating special programmes outside of school hours, providing additional support to students, community fundraising, volunteering roles, talks, seminars, membership of local organisations, written contributions in media, working with others to tackle specific problems in the community.

7. DEVELOPING GLOBAL CITIZENS 300 words

Explain your approach to embedding global citizenship in your classroom and how you define the success of your work in this area.

Please give specific examples about how you give young people a sense of responsibility that extends beyond their country’s borders as well as the life and work skills that will prepare them for a 21st century world where they will potentially live, work and socialise with people from many different nationalities, cultures and religions.

(Examples could be through connecting with other classrooms around the world, field trips, making use of technology to reach out beyond your community and country, arranging work placements or other introductions to the world of work; and promoting student exchange programmes.)

8. IMPROVING THE TEACHING PROFESSION 300 words

Share how you are contributing to the improvement of the teaching profession. How are you helping to raise the bar of teaching, sharing best practices with your colleagues and helping them overcome the challenges they face? How do you incorporate lifelong learning into your professional life, encourage it amongst your peers, and how do you instil it in your students?

(For example, through teaching or mentoring teachers at your school, other schools or teacher training college; contributing to public debates on the teaching profession, whether through speaking engagements, writing articles, blogs, media participation, social media campaigns, events or conferences; or other examples of practice that have elevated the status of teaching in your country.)

9. CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION 300 words

Please demonstrate how you have shown a commitment to sustainable education by integrating climate change and environmental topics into the curriculum.

(Please tell us: How are you fostering students' understanding of the causes, effects and solutions to climate change? Have you helped your students understand their own impact on the environment? Have you introduced any innovative teaching methods and programs that empower students to take action on climate change, engage with environmental organizations, and advocate and raise awareness on the importance of reducing carbon footprint and promoting sustainable living? What difference did these actions make? Have you also promoted sustainable practices within your own school and the wider community?)

10. USE OF THE PRIZE FUNDS 300 words

If you were to win the Prize, how do you plan to spend the money in the short term and over the next 10 years? The money would be yours to spend as you wish, however please share any projects that you are passionate about e.g. teaching, school or community related projects that would benefit from the additional funding and worldwide recognition the Prize would bring.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE

Please provide the following evidence to support your application

1. Reference Letter: From your current or recent school/institution (within the past 2 years).
   It should include:

- The applicant's full name, job title, school name, subject(s) taught, and the length of employment.
- School/institution name and address, referee's full name, job title, and relationship to applicant.
- A statement endorsing the applicant as an educator or for the Global Teacher Prize.

2. Proof of official or public recognition (e.g., from governments, institutions, NGOs, UN, media appearances).
   Optional

3. Additional documents
   Optional: photos or URLs to support your application

Guidelines:

- Max 5 files total (text, image, audio, or video).
- Supporting files: should be limited to 2 pages each, no links. Formats: JPEG/PDF (other formats accepted), max 5MB each.
- Video: may be hosted on platforms like YouTube. Provide active public URLs.
- Do not upload extra answers to application questions—only responses in the application form will be reviewed.
- All supporting documents can be uploaded in the original language.

GLOBAL SCHOOLS PRIZE

Please provide the following evidence to support your application:

1. Please upload proof of any awards, certifications, accreditations, or other forms of recognition your school has received, whether national or international (e.g., IB, Cambridge, government inspections, UNESCO programs, or similar achievements).

2. Additional documents
   Optional: documents, photos or videos to support your application

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Upload your Curriculum Vitae (CV)



Upload your Reference



Video URL 1 (optional)

Video URL 2 (optional)

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https://globalteacherprize.org/pages/eligibility-criteria https://globalteacherprize.org/pages/terms-conditions

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