

Why submit your application for Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY)?

Benefits of being named MTOY include:

- Being a spokesperson for Michigan's 100,000+ teachers and bringing recognition to your district.
- Attending all State Board of Education meetings as a non-voting member of the board.
- Receiving additional teacher-leadership training at national conferences and network with other state TOYs.
- Attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama with other state TOYs.
- Working with the Meemic Foundation to create and host professional development opportunities for your fellow teachers.
- Possibility of receiving invitations to be a part of state-level workgroups and committees.
- Being Michigan's applicant for National Teacher of the Year (NTOY).
- Meeting the President of the United States, members of Congress, the Governor of Michigan, and state lawmakers.
- Free three-year subscription to SMART Technologies Learning Suite software.
- Walden University offers full-tuition scholarships to State Teachers of the Year enrolling in the Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership programs within 15 months of being named their state's TOY.
- As MTOY, Meemic supplies a \$1,000 check to your school for classroom expenses and provides financial support for your travel to events as MTOY.
- And more!

Benefits of being named your region's TOY include:

- Serving as a spokesperson and advocate for the educators and students within your region.
- Membership in the Michigan Teacher Leadership Advisory Council (MTLAC), which has opportunities to provide direct feedback to the MDE on initiatives and proposals.
- Funds to offset cost of travel to meetings and providing professional learning opportunities within your region.

Eligibility requirements for MTOY:

- Be a certified teacher in good standing with your school and district,
- Have at least five completed years of teaching in Michigan,
- Work in a role where you are directly involved in the education of students, and
- Have not been recognized as a Regional Teacher of the Year (RTOY) in the two application cycles preceding the current cycle, nor previously been recognized as the MTOY.