

**ACTFL
National Language Teacher of the Year**

Selection Criteria

Classroom Competency (40%)

The following categories will be assessed by your written reflections and by the content of the CD or DVD you provide.

Target Language Communication

10 pts

What are some of the strategies you use to promote target language communication in the classroom? Include strategies that are appropriate for different proficiency levels. Include strategies that are appropriate for the proficiency levels of the classes you teach.

Instructional Strategies

5 pts

What are some of the instructional strategies that you use to meet the needs of all learners in your classroom?

Examples of Student Work

5 pts

Provide examples of student work that reflect the goals of the National Standards for Foreign Language Learners.

Student Cultural Exposure

5 pts

How do you engage your students in cultural activities in the classroom? Include strategies that are appropriate for students at different levels of instruction.

Connecting to the Community

5 pts

How do you engage your students in cultural activities beyond the classroom? Include strategies that are appropriate for students at different levels of instruction.

Written Reflections

10 pts

How do the documents you have shared in your portfolio and the content of the video/DVD reflect your personal statement on the value of learning language and culture? To what extent do your written reflections expand on what is seen in the video or DVD?

Professional Involvement (25%)

The following categories will be assessed through your *curriculum vitae*, letters of recommendation and

other appropriate portfolio documents

Evidence of Professional Growth **10 pts**

Active Involvement in Professional Organizations **10 pts**

Variety of Professional Leadership Experiences **5 pts**

Communication Skills (35%)

Written Statement **10 pts**

Provide a 500-word first-person statement in English on the value of learning language and culture.

The following interview will be conducted by the national selection committee at the ACTFL Convention site.

Oral Interview

Question 1 (culture in the classroom) **5 pts**

Question 2 (professional involvement) **5 pts**

Question 3 (value of language learning) **5 pts**

Mock Press Conference **10 pts**

- The candidate will participate in a mock press conference or mock address to a civic group and will give the first three to five minutes of a ten-minute (10) address on an issue of current interest in national foreign language policy (**5 pts**)
- The candidate will answer follow up questions by the selection committee with a two (2) to three (3) minute response. (**5 pts**)