

ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year Selection Criteria

ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year Evaluation Rubric

Classroom Competency (40%)

The Classroom Competency section will be assessed using your written and recorded portfolio documents and the accompanying reflections that you have provided for each category.

Target Language Communication _____/10pts

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

Little use of TL			Some Use of TL			Extensive and Effective Use of TL			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Instructional Strategies _____/5pts

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

Limited Number of Strategies			Wide Variety of Strategies	
1	2	3	4	5

Examples of Student Work _____/5pts

Provide evidence of student work that reflects the goals of the National Standards for Foreign Language Learners—Communication, Culture, Connections, Community, Comparisons.

Low Quality Examples			High Quality Examples	
1	2	3	4	5

Student Cultural Exposure _____/5pts

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

Limited Cultural Exposure			Extensive Cultural Exposure	
1	2	3	4	5

Connecting to the Community _____/5pts

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

Limited Cultural Exposure			Extensive Cultural Exposure	
1	2	3	4	5

Written Reflection _____/10pts

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?

Limited in Scope					Detailed and Comprehensive				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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Professional Involvement (25%) Evaluation Rubric

The Professional Involvement section will be assessed using your curriculum vitae and other appropriate portfolio documents.

Evidence of Professional Growth _____/10pts

Minimal Growth			Some Growth				Extensive Growth		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Active Involvement in Professional Organizations _____/10pts

<u>Professional Affiliations</u>					<u>Degree of Involvement</u>				
Minimal		Some		Extensive	Minimal		Some		Extensive
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Variety of Professional Leadership Experiences _____/5pts

Minimal Leadership		Some Leadership		Extensive Leadership
1	2	3	4	5

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Communication Skills (35%) Evaluation Rubric

Written Statement _____/10pts

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

Lacking in Originality and/or Writing Skill				Adequate Response				Expressive, Succinct & Original Response			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		

The following will be conducted at the conference site:

Oral Interview

Question 1 (culture in the classroom) _____/5pts

Not Responsive and/or Lacking in Oral Expression		Somewhat Responsive/ Somewhat Expressive		Thorough & Expressive Response	
1	2	3	4	5	

Question 2 (professional involvement) _____/5pts

Not responsive and/or Lacking in Oral Expression		Somewhat Responsive/ Somewhat Expressive		Thorough & Expressive Response	
1	2	3	4	5	

Question 3 (value of language learning) _____/5pts

Not Responsive and/or Lacking in Oral Expression		Somewhat Responsive/ Somewhat Expressive		Thorough & Expressive Response	
1	2	3	4	5	

Mock Press Conference _____/5pts

A mock press conference or address to a civic group. Provide the first three to five minutes of a ten (10) minute address on an issue of current interest in national foreign language policy. (5pts)

Not Responsive and/or Lacking in Oral Expression		Somewhat Responsive/ Somewhat Expressive		Thorough & Expressive Response	
Lacking in presence and clarity		Somewhat clear with presence		Excellent Presence and Clarity	
1	2	3	4	5	

Follow up questions by the selection committee with a 2-3 minute response by the candidate. _____/5pts

Not Responsive and/or Lacking in Oral Expression		Somewhat Responsive/ Somewhat Expressive		Thorough & Expressive Response	
1	2	3	4	5	