



ACTFL
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE
TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Onsite at the convention

Speech Purpose: The Teacher of the Year program both recognizes an outstanding World Language educator and selects an inspirational spokesperson for the profession who will voice the importance of learning languages and cultures to policy makers, educational groups and other public groups. The policy speech is the candidate's opportunity to demonstrate to the selection committee that s/he possesses the public speaking ability to be a comfortable and enthusiastic advocate for our profession.

Mock Press Conference Speech: 3-5 minute public policy speech that might be given to a civic group of other outside organization (such as community groups, government panels, policy makers, school administrators, school board members, etc. This mock speech should address an issue of current importance to language learning and global competence in a 21st century interconnected world.

Face to Face Interview: You will answer interview questions by the selection committee **such as:**

- What ideas and strategies for language learning advocacy would you use as the National TOY to reach state and national policy makers?
- Research tells us clearly that the teacher in the classroom is the single most important factor that affects students' achievement. How does a teacher know if s/he is connecting with students in a way that fosters trust and a strong rapport? How can this be shared or extended to other teachers?
- How do you update your teaching content to incorporate current/contemporary topics?
- How have you benefited from your involvement in professional organizations?