

# play it forward

## Send a Teacher a Valentine

Knowledge. Dedication. Innovation. Leadership. These are just some of the characteristics embodied by truly great teachers – teachers who make a positive impact on their communities and inspire students, maybe even yours.

If you know an Oregon teacher who embodies the very best of what it means to educate the students who represent our future, take the opportunity to celebrate them. This year, send them some much deserved recognition with a unique and meaningful “valentine” – in the form of a Teacher of the Year nomination.



### What is Teacher of the Year?

Oregon’s Teacher of the Year program, sponsored by the Oregon Lottery, gives the best of Oregon’s teachers a chance to shine. Each year, 19 regional winners are chosen from among the nominees. The regional winners each receive \$1,000 and move on to consideration for the state Teacher of the Year title. The state winner will receive \$10,000 and the opportunity to represent Oregon in national programs that bring together the very best of teachers from across the country. It’s an unprecedented opportunity to learn from the nation’s best while spotlighting educational excellence in Oregon.

### Will U Be Mine?

Nominations for Oregon’s Teacher of the Year program close on February 21, shortly after Valentine’s Day. If you know a teacher making a difference for their students and their community, consider sending them a little love – nominate them for Oregon Teacher of the Year!

Nominations can be made at [oregonteacheroftheyear.org](http://oregonteacheroftheyear.org)



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