

2026-27 NATIONAL PLTW TEACHER AWARDS FAQ

1. What is the National PLTW Teacher Awards Portal?

The [National PLTW Teacher Awards Portal](#) is a secure web-based system that houses the submission point for your nomination.

2. Who can submit a nomination?

Any member of the educational community (staff, faculty, administrators, or students) may nominate a PLTW teacher for this award. PLTW no longer accepts self-nominations for this award.

3. Can I nominate myself for National PLTW Teacher of the Year?

To ensure that all nominations recognize individuals based on the recommendations and support of their supervisors, colleagues, students, and community members, self-nominations are not accepted for National PLTW Teachers of the Year Awards.

4. When does the National PLTW Teacher Awards nomination portal open and close?

The nomination portal opens Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and closes Friday, May 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET. National PLTW Teachers of the Year award winners will be notified in early August 2026, and PLTW will publicly recognize the National PLTW Teachers of the Year and Outstanding Educators in the fall of 2026.

5. Why do I need to create a login?

Creating a login allows you to create and submit your nomination for the National PLTW Teacher Awards through the secure web-based portal. Registering for the portal is the only way to submit a nomination.

6. How do I create a login for National PLTW Teacher Awards?

1. Visit the [National PLTW Teacher Awards Portal](#).

2. Click **Submit Nomination and then Need to create an account?**
3. Fill out the form in its entirety.
4. Review the National PLTW Teacher Awards [Overview](#) and [Checklist](#).
5. Now you are ready to submit your nomination!

7. What do I need to include when I submit my nomination?

Navigate to the Submission Requirements section of the [National PLTW Teacher Awards Overview](#) for all National PLTW Teacher Awards questions.

8. Can I download a list of nomination criteria?

Yes, the [National PLTW Teacher Awards Overview](#) includes all guidelines for submitting a nomination.

9. How do I submit a proposal?

1. Log in to the [National PLTW Teacher Awards Portal](#).
 - If you haven't created a login, please refer to the instructions in question 6.
2. Make sure you have all the information needed to complete your nomination.
3. Select Submit Nomination.
4. Fill out the application in its entirety.
 - Should you need to stop in the middle of your application, select Save. You are able to continue your nomination at a later date.
 - The [National PLTW Teacher Awards Portal](#) closes May 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Late submissions will not be accepted.
5. Once you've entered all information, please select Submit.
6. Congratulations on submitting a nomination!

10. Can I nominate more than one teacher?

Yes, you can nominate more than one teacher using the same steps in question 9.

11. I have started my nomination, but I need to finish it later. What are my options?

Select Save to be able to make changes to the nomination. Please note, you must submit your nomination by selecting Save and Submit by May 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

12. When will I know the status of my nomination?

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13. Can I make changes to my nomination once I have selected Save and Submit?

You can edit your submission after it has been completed. Simply log back into your account. However, once the submission period closes, you will no longer be able to edit your submission.

Edits need to be made and the nomination re-submitted by Friday, May 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET. Late submissions will not be considered for recognition.

14. After I submit my nomination, what do I do?

Invite your colleagues and network to submit a nomination.

15. I was an Outstanding PLTW Teacher in a previous year. Am I still an Outstanding PLTW Teacher or do I need to be nominated again?

PLTW will always consider you an Outstanding PLTW Teacher, but if you would like the recognition specifically for this academic year and consideration for the National PLTW Teacher Award then a new nomination application will need to be submitted.

16. I was an Outstanding PLTW Teacher in a previous year. How long does my submission stay in consideration for National PLTW Teacher of the Year?

To ensure that all applications are current and highlight the best attributes of educators in their current role, teachers who earned the Outstanding PLTW Teacher recognition in prior school years must receive a new nomination for consideration for the 2026-27 National PLTW Teacher of the Year awards through the standard nomination process.

17. Does having multiple nominations submitted on my behalf increase my chances of being selected for National PLTW Teacher of the Year?

We appreciate the enthusiasm and support shown through multiple nominations. However, the number of nominations received for an individual does not influence the selection process. Each nomination is evaluated based on its own merits, and all nominees are given equal consideration.