

# 2017-2018 ABTA Master Point Press Teacher of The Year

## Instructions/Rules:

1. Please read “**\*Student Requirements for Submission\***” and “**\*\*Teacher Eligibility Criteria\*\***” (at the end of this form) before beginning this process
2. Select a single “**Primary Nominator**” for each nomination form
  - Each Nomination Form must be submitted by a single person (the “**primary nominator**”) who must be reachable by the ABTA by email and phone. This helps us verify submitted information.
  - We have created a space on each form where additional students may add their names to the same nomination form, under **Additional Nominators**.
3. Ensure there are **no more than 8 nomination forms** being submitted for your teacher
  - A maximum of 8 Nomination Forms will be accepted per teacher. Thanks!
  - Remember: it is not the number of forms that count, but the **quality of information and anecdotes** on the form. Also, each form may have several student comments on it.
4. Check that you have all **the correct contact information** for the primary nominator *and* the teacher.
5. **Complete the Nomination Form carefully**
  - Students are encouraged to work together to write the comments in this nomination form, in order to keep paperwork and repetition to a minimum

- We recommend using the **Criteria for Evaluation** (found at [www.abtahome.com](http://www.abtahome.com) and at the end of this form) as a guide for your comments in the Student Letter area. Tell us what qualities in your teacher make him or her, special
- **6. Send in this form:**
- Option 1: complete this form in adobe reader & e-mail it to **LoveMyTeacher@outlook.com**.
- Option 2: print out this form, fill it out by hand, use a scanner to scan it into a document, and email the scanned document to **LoveMyTeacher@outlook.com**.
- Option 3: print out this form, fill it out by hand & mail it to the address below 🎬

**Richard Braunstein, Chairman**

454 Haverhill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601.

**Deadline for submissions: April 15, 2018.**

**After the ABTA has received the nomination, here's how you can support your teacher:**

- If you want to support your teacher's nomination, you can help him or her gather representative teaching materials, videos and resources you feel she/he should share with the committee as evidence of good teaching practice. Your teacher may also submit these to the committee directly.

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- After the Nomination Form is submitted, all further communication will be between The ABTA & the nominated teacher *only*. Please refrain from contacting the ABTA re: your teacher's progress. Each committee member examines all student and teacher submissions, finalists are chosen and selected late Spring, 2018. The winner will be announced at the ABTA's Annual Conference, to be held from July 24 – July 27, 2018, in Atlanta, GA.

## RT 1: Eligibility Questions

**Please Note:** In consideration of the volunteer committee, please do not submit a form if your teacher is not eligible. You can see ‘**Student Requirements for Submission**’ and ‘**Teacher Eligibility Criteria**’ for more details.

**You must answer YES to the following statements in order to nominate a teacher.**

- 1) I have my teacher's permission for this nomination (yes/no)
- 2) I'm nominating a single teacher (not a teaching team or pair) (yes/no)
- 3) To the best of my knowledge, my teacher meets the **Eligibility Criteria** (found on the last page of this form) (yes/no)

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## PART 2: Contact Information/Details

<p><b>Primary Nominator Information (required)</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Telephone Number: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____</p> <p>Country: _____</p>	<p><b>Teacher Contact Information (required)</b></p> <p>Teacher's Name: _____</p> <p>Teacher's Email: _____</p> <p>Teacher's Telephone Number: _____</p> <p>Teacher's Address: _____ _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Country: _____</p>
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**Additional Nominators:** Please include the names and email addresses of other students who have contributed to this nomination here.

Supporting Nominator Name:	Supporting Nominator Email address:

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## PART 3: Nomination and Description

1. How long have you known your teacher?
2. Please indicate the courses you've taken with your teacher (name and description of class).

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3. **Student Letter:** Please use the following 2.5 pages to describe what is special about your teacher and why your teacher deserves to be the 2016 Teacher of the Year. Yes, you may add extra paper, if needed. We recommend referring to the **Criteria for Evaluation** in your letter. **Criteria:** Teaching excellence 55%; Innovation 25%; Service to bridge 15%; Service to the community 5% (see the reference section of this form for detailed descriptions of each criteria).

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## Criteria Information

### **\*Student Requirements for Submission:**

1. You must have your teacher's permission for nomination.
2. Only individual teachers are eligible for nomination.
3. Nominations must be submitted by a single person, additional students may sign on to the nomination form as "supporting nominators"
4. No previous winner is eligible for a second award, but previous nominees may be nominated again, in future years
5. The nominated teacher must meet all eligibility criteria (below) 7. Maximum 8 nomination forms per teacher, but several students may sign onto another student's form.

**Teacher Eligibility:** *In order to be considered for the Teacher of the Year award, each nominee must:*

- Have been a bridge teacher for at least 5 years
- Be a member of the ACBL OR ABA
- Be a member of ABTA or prepared to join the ABTA if nominated
- Teach a minimum of 75 hours per year (e.g. 2 hours a week for 38 weeks or 3 hours a week for 25 weeks) etc.

## **Teacher Eligibility Criteria for Teacher of the Year Award**

Teachers will be considered with a focus on the following qualities (detailed description below)



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- Teaching excellence 55%
- Innovation 25%
- Service to bridge 15%
- Service to the community 5%

## A. Teaching excellence (55%)

- student response or recommendations
- percentage of students who join organized bridge games
- quality of material used in courses especially personally developed material
- use of bridge material and reference material from published bridge authorities
- recommendation of other teachers or bridge professionals
- rationale provided by nominator(s)
- original written material used in teaching students
- 3-5 minute video submission with teacher's choice of topic

## B. Innovation (25%)

Demonstration of innovation associated with bridge teaching or bridge promotion including but not limited to:

- Bridge teaching methods
- Teaching seniors
- Teaching material
- Course content and approach
- Promotion of bridge
- Promotion of teacher
- Use of the Internet

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C. Service to Bridge (15%) This will be based on evidence such as:

- promotion of bridge and their own services through newsletters, websites, columns in print media, TV, or internet
- role in organizing events for students but also for all players such as tournaments
- establishing or participating in programs to teach bridge to young people
- all attempts to build the bridge community, encourage participation in bridge games,
- tournaments, online and in person, membership in the ACBL or ABA
- mentoring including mentoring students or other teachers or directors
- building local bridge clubs and bridge games
- encouraging students to participate in bridge tournaments
- any and all efforts which will help to promote the game of bridge and/or the services of the teacher.

D. Service to the Community (5%)

- All volunteer activities but especially those related to bridge. This could include donating services in teaching or running games
- Organizing and participating in charitable events with a focus on those associated with bridge but other charity activities are also considered.
- All efforts associated with raising money for bridge (e.g. money for youth, international teams, promotion of bridge) etc.
- Any other demonstrable activities which help the community in which that person resides whether bridge related or not and whether paid or not.

**Contact Person Richard Braunstein, Chairman 2017-2018**

**Teacher of the Year [LoveMyTeacher@outlook.com](mailto:LoveMyTeacher@outlook.com) or 454 Haverhill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601** Deadline for submissions: April 15, 2018

*Teacher of the Year 2017-2018 Committee: Linda Lee, Mary Jane Orock, Joyce Penn, Tina Radding, Enid Roitman, Barbara Seagram, Kathie Walsh, Richard Braunstein, Chairman.*