



2026 National Forensic Science Week: Outstanding Teacher Award

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) is proud to present its second annual **National Forensic Science Teacher of the Year Award**. This award celebrates exceptional teaching in forensic sciences, aiming to inspire student interest and deepen their understanding of the field. This year, we will be honoring one outstanding high school teacher, and one outstanding higher education teacher.

Presented during **National Forensic Science Week (September 20th - 26th)**, this award recognizes and honors teacher excellence in the forensic sciences.

The CFSO advocates for forensic science interests on behalf of its member organizations:

- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD)
- International Association for Identification (IAI)
- International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME)
- National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)
- Society of Forensic Toxicologists and American Board of Forensic Toxicology (SOFT)

Awards & Recognition

The award program is designed to recognize dedicated educators who ignite a passion for the forensic sciences in their students and have distinguished themselves within the profession.

The **National Forensic Science Teacher of the Year** will be recognized with:

- A plaque award from the CFSO
 - Social media announcement
 - An invitation to tour a forensic laboratory or agency in their area.
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Criteria & Selection

To be considered for this prestigious award, a teacher must:

- Work directly with students at least 50% of the time.
- Teach a class specifically dedicated to the forensic sciences.
- Currently hold a valid teaching certificate in their state of employment.

Each applicant's packet will include biographical and professional information, questions covering topics from personal teaching philosophy to current issues in forensic science, and a letter of endorsement. A selection committee representing the CFSO member organizations and various areas of the forensic science community, will review each application.

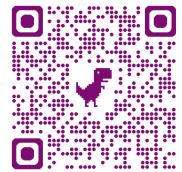
Application

The **2026 National Forensic Science Teacher of the Year application** must be completed in full and submitted electronically.

Applications are due **August 1st, 2026**.



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Apply by using the submission form [here](#), on the [CFSO website](#), or by accessing the form following the **QR Code above**.

The CFSO looks forward to presenting the award and celebrating National Forensic Science Week with everyone in the forensic science community.