2027 Excellence in Teaching Award

This award is presented by the State Board of Community Colleges, recognizing outstanding faculty who exemplify high-quality instruction and make significant contributions to the North Carolina Community College System. Accomplishments from the past three years should be emphasized, including ongoing projects when relevant.

Across the five criteria, reviewers will consider how the nominee applied innovation, strategic planning, problem solving, collaboration, adaptability, sound judgment, and integrity. For each criterion, clearly explain:

- The challenge, need, or opportunity.
- The nominee's specific role, decisions, and actions.
- The results achieved, using measurable or clearly observable evidence.
- How the work was sustained, expanded, or positioned for continued impact, when relevant.

Potential examples are provided to help nominators identify relevant accomplishments. They are not required, and nominators do not need to address every example. Stronger responses will connect actions to outcomes rather than simply listing activities, awards, partnerships, or responsibilities.

Eligibility

- Any current faculty member within North Carolina Community Colleges, excluding past award winners.
- Each college may nominate one faculty member per year.
- Nominations received after the published deadline will be considered ineligible.

Award Nomination Form Questions

The following questions are included in the award nomination form. Please review them before beginning your submission.

Section 1: Nominee Information

1. Nominee's Name:
2. Current or Former Title:
3. College:
4. Email:
5. Phone:

Section 2: Nominator Information

6. Name:
7. Email:
8. Phone:
9. Relationship to Nominee:

Section 3: Student Impact

10. How does the nominee support students' learning and overall development?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 4: Teaching Approach

11. Describe the nominee's classroom practices and how they create an effective learning environment.

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 5: Innovation

12. Share examples of innovative teaching methods or technologies the nominee has used.

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 6: Professional Growth & Leadership

13. How has the nominee enhanced their own teaching effectiveness and contributed to the profession beyond the classroom?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 7: Excellence

14. In what ways does the nominee consistently demonstrate excellence that exceeds expectations?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Award Information: The winning instructor receives an $8k cash prize and trophy, and their respective college foundation receives a $2k cash prize - all compliments of the NC Community Colleges Foundation.