

Sigma Delta Pi's South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year



Nomination Form

(additional forms and related information at www.scspanishteacheroftheyear.org)

Before completing this form, please read Eligibility Requirements and Judging Criteria on page 2.

If the nominee's school is in Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester County, the nominee will also be considered for the Lowcountry Spanish Teacher of the Year Award provided they have not won the Lowcountry Award in the past three years. For such consideration, send 18 copies of the nomination packet instead of 12.

Full name of Nominee: _____

School of employment: _____

School address: _____

County of school: _____

Nominator's full name: _____

Nominator's school of employment _____
(if different from above)

Nominator's permanent e-mail: _____

Nominator's phone: _____

Please include the following with this form:

1) Justification for Nomination (self-nominations permitted)

In a typed attachment, please explain in two pages or less why you believe this nominee deserves recognition as the 2006 South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year. Be sure to highlight his/her unique qualities as a teacher and his/her impact on students (for guidance, see "Judging Criteria" on page 2 of this form).

2) Letters of Recommendation

In addition to this form and its accompanying "Justification for Nomination," please include **two (2)** letters of recommendation from people familiar with the nominee's contributions to language teaching; one of these letters must come from an administrator. (for guidance, see "Judging Criteria" on page 2 of this form).

3) Current CV (résumé) of Nominee

Include an updated cv of the candidate as it reflects activities related to this teaching distinction.

Signature of Nominator

Date

With a postmark no later than **June 2, 2006**, send **12 copies** each of 1) page 1 of this form, 2) the justification for nomination, 3) two letters of recommendation and 4) the nominee's current cv to:

**Dr Mark P. Del Mastro
Director, South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year Award
Modern Languages, The Citadel
Charleston, S.C. 29409**

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) At least four consecutive years (including the current) teaching any level of Spanish from K-12 in the State of South Carolina.
- 2) Nominees **are not** required to be members of Sigma Delta Pi.
- 3) Previous winners are not eligible for a period of three consecutive years following the year they received the South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year Award.
- 4) Past runners up are eligible.
- 5) Previous nominees who still meet the aforementioned requirements are automatically reconsidered for future South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year awards (the original nomination form remains valid) for a period of three consecutive years provided:
 - a) a nominator's updated letter outlining the candidate's most recent professional activities is sent by the submission deadline (e-mail submissions to mark.delmastro@citadel.edu are acceptable);
 - b) the authors of the original letters of recommendation still work with the nominee in a capacity that permits the recommenders to assess the nominee's current performance as a Spanish teacher.

After three years, the teacher must be re-nominated with a current nomination form and accompanying, updated supporting documentation.

Judging Criteria

Nominees will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Evidence of innovation in teaching
- 2) Role and/or initiative in Spanish curriculum development
- 3) Role and/or initiative in extra-curricular activities related to teaching and/or spreading the Hispanic language and/or culture **in the school where employed**
- 4) Role and/or initiative in extra-curricular activities where employed related to teaching and/or spreading the Hispanic language and/or culture **in the community, not the school.**
- 5) Evidence of esteem of colleagues.
- 6) Evidence of esteem of students.
- 7) Evidence of love of teaching.
- 8) Evidence of general sacrifices made for the teaching mission.
- 9) Evidence of subject mastery.
- 10) Evidence of professional development.