



National Teaching Awards

MINISTER'S SPECIAL AWARD

Are you a learner in one of South Africa's public schools? Help the Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, find and reward one of the thousands of phenomenal teachers who continuously demonstrate a unique blend of skills, heart and dedication to their job.

Participating is easy; all you must do is tell us—via text and video—about a teacher who has made a lasting, positive impact on your life; someone who has gone above and beyond their duties! The teacher must have demonstrated perseverance, determination and resilience, care and support in responding to the setbacks or difficulties encountered by you or other learners. These can include challenges that may have potentially posed a threat to the learner's education and academic progress.

THE CONTENTS OF THE MOTIVATION SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING:

- Great encouragement and motivation received from the teacher in shaping learners' lives.
- The impact the teacher has had in the academic success, personal growth, and even future career paths of learners.
- How the teacher has assisted the learners to be innovative, creative and use critical thinking skills.
- The teacher's contribution to assisting learners cope in disastrous situations.
- How the teacher supported the learner to overcome his/her challenges.
- How the teacher has demonstrated empathy and patience towards learners.

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- The entries must be in English.
- Foundation Phase teachers will have to translate learners' motivations to English.
- The learner and teacher must be from a public school and still in the basic education system.
- The learner must write a mini motivation of not more than 250 words for high school learners, and 100 words for primary school learners, accompanied by a 60-second (1 minute) video.
- The teacher will confirm his/her acceptance and acknowledgement with a 60 second (1 minute) video and forward a SACE certificate.
- The closing date for entries is 15 September 2025.

Participation in the Minister's Special Award is conducted via social and digital media platforms.

The terms and conditions for participation are available on <https://www.education.gov.za/MinistersSpecialAward.aspx>



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