

## **The Tom Norris Texas Academic Decathlon Coach-of-the-Year**

The Texas Academic Decathlon is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the academic capabilities of the youth in Texas! We believe one way to meet this goal is to identify, recognize and reward excellence in academics.

The purpose of this award is TAD's commitment to increase high performance of students in Texas Academic Decathlon programs!

Anyone can nominate a TAD coach – it can come from the principal of the school, a parent of a decathlete, a student on the team, the team, etc.

Nominations should be sent by mail, email, or fax to  
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Each year, three coaches may be selected, one in the small school, medium school, and large school categories!

The attached form should be used for nominations. Please limit attachments to the form to one-page documents. ***A photo is required.***

Tell about the dedication of the coach; the commitment to the decathlon program overall; the creative, insightful way of teaching; why this person deserves the utmost recognition. Does this person have tireless and infectious enthusiasm for the program? These are suggestions only! Be creative with your own nomination. Does the coach promote a total program, not just the Decathlon? A nominee must have coached for at least five years, the years do not need to be consecutive or at the same school. Finalists will be voted on by the board of directors.

A \$1,000 stipend will be given to each of the three coaches and a trophy will be presented to the winners.. The presentation will be at the TAD state meets each year.

Nominations must be made and in the state office by ***January 17, 2018***. The state board will select the winning coaches in each division. Winners will be presented at the state meets! Votes may be cast by email or mail.

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Deadline for nominations –

***Must be in state office before January 17***

***Must have a photo attached!***

Coach Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Size                      LS                      MS                      SS    (circle one)

Must attach photo

Number of years coaching (must have five years coaching experience) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by

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