

**Application for the**

**2024 Gambia Teacher Prize**

**Application Period:**

**1st October 2023 – 7th November 2023**

The Gambia Teacher Prize is administered by the Namie Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education (MoBSE) and The Gambia Teachers Union (GTU). The Gambia Teacher Prize celebrates and honors exceptional Basic and Secondary school teachers in all disciplines who have made a profound impact on the lives of their students and the field of education. The prize aims to recognize and celebrate the remarkable contributions of Gambian educators.

**Selection criteria -** A nominee for The Gambia Teacher Prize:

* Is a certified and qualified teacher currently teaching at a Basic or Secondary School in any discipline.
* Has a minimum of two years of teaching experience.
* Exhibits a commitment to continue in an active teaching status during and after the year of recognition.
* Demonstrates a strong awareness of current education issues.
* Demonstrates professionalism and dedication in guiding students towards achieving their full potential.
* Showcases qualities of leadership and innovation that reflect a lifelong commitment to learning, both within the classroom and within the broader community.

**Nomination -** A teacher may be nominated by any person within the school or community, including parents, students, business leaders, school administrators, colleagues, or may self-nominate.

* If you are nominating a teacher, complete the **The Gambia Teacher Prize Nomination Form** at

[www.namiefoundation.org/awards](http://www.namiefoundation.org/awards)

* If you are self-nominating, complete and submit this application.

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**The application process for The Gambia Teacher Prize contains the following three rounds. Applicants will be contacted after each round and notified if they have been selected to advance to the next round.**

Round 1: Required information Due: 07/11/2023

Round 2: Regional interviews early December 2023

Round 3: Site visit to regional prize recipients’ school/classroom Early January 2024

*Applications and supporting documentation should be sent to teacherprize@namiefoundation.org.*

*Hard-copy applications may be dropped off in sealed envelopes* *at their Regional Education Directorate or GTU Regional Offices.*

***Applications received after 7th November 2023 will not be considered.***

*Round 1 applications will be reviewed by the Panel of judges. Selected applicants will be notified and invited to an interview at their Regional Education Directorate Office for* ***Round 2****.*

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**ROUND 1: Required Information Due 7th November 2023**

1. **Completed Basic Information** (at the end of this document).
2. **Copy of Teaching Certification/Qualifications**
3. **SIGNED and DATED Letter of Recommendation.** Attach a letter, written by a person familiar with your work stating why you should be the Gambia Teacher Prize recipient.
4. **Your message.** The Gambia Teacher Prize recipient will serve as a role model and an advocate for high-quality education. In 250 words or less, what will be your message to the public?
5. **Response Questions**. In 750 words or less, write an essay answering the following questions:
   1. Describe your teaching philosophy, how you demonstrate that in your lessons and in your classroom, and how it has impacted your school culture.
   2. Describe special teaching methods or innovative practices you have implemented in your classroom and the impact they had on your students.
   3. Describe what distinguishes you as an excellent teacher and why you should become the Gambia Teacher Prize recipient.

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**ROUND 2: Regional Interviews Early December 2023**

***Applicants who advance to Round 2 of the application process will be invited to an in-person interview at their Regional Office. One teacher from each region will be selected as the Regional Prize recipient and will receive D50,000. The Regional Prize recipients will advance to Round 3.***

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**ROUND 3: A site visit to each Regional Prize recipient’s school/classroom Early January 2024**

***One Regional Prize*** ***Recipient will be selected as the National Prize Recipient for the Gambia Teacher Prize. The National Prize Recipient will receive an additional D50,000 and will be announced at The Gambia Teacher Prize Awards Ceremony on 15th February 2024.***

**The Gambia Teacher Prize Basic Information Sheet**

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| First Name:       Last Name:  \***If your certification is under a name other than the one above please include that as well**: |
| Date of Birth:       Gender:       Nationality: |
| PR Number: |
| Contact Address: |
| Phone Number (WhatsApp preferred):      Email (optional): |
| **1. Your current teaching position/subject/grade:**  **2. Number of years in your current position:**  **3. Total years of teaching experience since issuance of teaching certificate:**  **I hereby certify that all materials and statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and all responses represent my original work.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Signature of Applicant** Date |
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| School Name: |
| School Address: |
| Region: |
| Name of Current School Principal/HT: |
| Principal’s/HT’s phone #:       Principal’s/HT’s E-mail (optional): |

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| References: Provide two references who can speak to your teaching abilities: |
| Reference 1 Name: |
| Phone #:       E-mail (optional): |
| Reference 2 Name: |
| Phone #:       E-mail (optional): |

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

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