

# NEW TEACHER COMMENDATION

## FOR EXCELLENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

### Four Complimentary Three-Year Memberships to MaFLA Will Be Awarded

**PURPOSE:** MaFLA's mission encompasses the mentoring, support and professional growth of new teachers in the profession. This commendation and accompanying award recognize new teachers for demonstrated excellence. MaFLA wishes to welcome new teachers to the state organization and to offer multiple opportunities for professional development, support, networking, and collegiality through membership. Awardees will receive a complimentary three-year membership to the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA) and all accompanying benefits.

#### CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDATION/APPLICATION:

*New Teacher* refers to a person who, at the time of being recommended or of applying for the award is:

1. New to the foreign language teaching profession within the past 5 years.
2. A full-time foreign language teacher in Massachusetts.

#### The nominating letter for the new teacher must show that (s)he demonstrates:

- Proficiency in the language(s) taught.
- Knowledge and application of current methodologies of foreign language teaching.
- Knowledge of the diverse learning styles of students.
- Successful communication skills with students and colleagues.
- A class atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Involvement in extra-curricular foreign language activities.
- Involvement in professional activities.
- Enthusiasm in his/her teaching and learning of foreign languages.

#### RECOMMENDATION/APPLICATION PROCESS:

Recommendations/applications for the commendation can be made by a school administrator, a colleague or the teacher him/herself. All applications must be sent to the MaFLA Board New Teacher Awards Committee Chairperson listed below by March 31, 2017.

### New Teacher Commendation Application Form

Please print or type

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes taught in 2016-2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Years teaching: full time \_\_\_\_\_ part time \_\_\_\_\_ Years teaching Foreign Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Submit the application form and supporting materials by March 31, 2017, to:

Beckie Rankin      Email: [brankin@lexingtonma.org](mailto:brankin@lexingtonma.org)  
41 Governor Winthrop Road  
Somerville, MA 02145

**The successful applicant will be notified by April 30, 2017.**