

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nomination Criteria

The challenges and stresses that educators face, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, are unprecedented. From school closures to online learning, Kentucky teachers and staff members went to impressive lengths to adapt and deliver impactful education during a challenging time.

Categories

To be eligible, nominees must be current employees of a school system or school in Kentucky. Nominators will select between 1-3 categories (listed below) that best define how the teacher or staff member went above and beyond since January 2020 to demonstrate educational excellence.

- Innovation: Demonstrated innovative techniques and tools that enabled learning in a new way.
- Safety: Took extraordinary steps to achieve and maintain a safe and secure learning environment.
- Passion: Exhibited extraordinary love for and commitment to education and students.
- Inspiration: Went to unusual lengths to inspire students and serve as a positive role model.
- Persistence: Overcame barriers to further their students' education
- Well Being: Demonstrated extraordinary interest in and commitment to student development, whole health, and self-esteem.
- Community: Went to extraordinary lengths to take learning beyond the classroom.

After the nominator selects their 1-3 categories, they will provide a short explanation on the nomination form. Nominators are encouraged to provide further detail via short video (three minutes maximum), essay (600 word maximum), or and/or photos (10 maximum) with specifics of how the teacher or staff member they nominated went above and beyond to achieve educational excellence in the selected category(ies). If submitting a video, please provide a link to where we can find the video (social media profile, Vimeo, YouTube, etc.).

Awards

The \$2,500 award will go to the school of the winner's choice, to be used as the winner chooses* to further education in the classroom or school.



