

INFORMATION SHEET



2022

Kansas Exemplary Educator Talent Pool

Recommendations for the talent pool alternate yearly between elementary and secondary educators. One of the functions of the talent pool is to acquire potential candidates for the Milken Educator Program. Unlike most teacher recognition programs, the Milken Educator Awards has no formal nomination or application process. Candidates are sourced through a confidential selection process and then reviewed by blue ribbon panels appointed by state departments of education. Those most exceptional are recommended for the Award, with final approval by the Milken Family Foundation.

Past recipients have used their Awards to fund their children's education or their own continuing education. Others have financed dream field trips, established scholarships and even funded the adoption of children.

The Kansas State Department of Education invites administrators from public and private school districts to nominate **elementary** educators for the Kansas Exemplary Educator Talent Pool by completing an online application for each nominee. Teachers should be midcareer professionals with a least five years of experience and no more than 18, principals in the first ten years as an administrator with no more than 20 total years in education, in secondary (**grades K-5**) classrooms serving in teacher, specialist, and/or principals roles, who have demonstrated the criteria listed below. Preschool educators are not eligible.

- Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school;
- Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession;
- Contributions to education that are largely unheralded, yet worthy of the spotlight;
- Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community; and
- Strong, long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.

This is a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation.



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Application Checklist

In order to nominate an Exemplary Educator, you will need to complete the 2022 Kansas Exemplary Educator Talent Pool application. To submit an application, you must follow all the steps listed below:

- Complete the Kansas Exemplary Educator Talent Pool application.
- Provide a one-page, **SIGNED recommendation letter on official letterhead** explaining how the candidate meets the criteria (since it must contain an official signature, please **SCAN** and upload in PDF format).
- Provide candidate's **resume** (The resume must be either in Word (doc or docx) or scanned in PDF format).

Once all three components of the application are complete, please **email** or **mail all forms by 4 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022:**

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