

Education 2019 Awards

Klingenstein Teacher Award and Silverberg Leadership Award

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2019 Nomination Deadline: May 29

Frequently Asked Questions

The Klingenstein Teacher Award and Silverberg Leadership Award were established to celebrate the exceptional teaching and leadership for which EL Education is known. The awards are bestowed annually during the EL Education National Conference. **The 2019 deadline to nominate a teacher or leader is Wednesday, May 29.**

What are the criteria?

The **Klingenstein Teacher Award** is given to a teacher who is judged by his or her peers to have most successfully transmitted to students the essence of EL Education, building exemplary character, driving outstanding academic achievement, and instilling an ethic of “citizen scholarship.”

The teacher should:

- Instill in students a desire to learn, take responsibility for their own education and achieve good academic results;
- Inspire students’ participation in good citizenship in its broader sense, as well as inside the classroom, in the school and as part of the greater community; and
- Model the value of “We are crew, not passengers,” in his or her classroom and school.

The **Silverberg Leadership Award** is given to a school leader who has successfully impacted student achievement outcomes through a deep implementation of EL Education practices, inspiring teachers, administrative staff, and students to embrace EL Education culture and to lead students to a superior education, enhanced character development, and sense of civic responsibility.

The leader should:

- Unite staff, students, and the broader community around an inspirational vision of student success rooted in EL Education’s three dimensions of student achievement;
- Engage their school community in continuous improvement to fulfill the vision;
- Cultivate a professional culture among adults that parallels the empowering culture they

- foster for students;
- Build the leadership capacity of others and empower them to lead improvement across the school;
- Respect teachers and other staff members as creative agents and support them as professionals continually seeking to improve their craft;
- Ensure high-quality instruction through adequate allocation of resources and supporting structures so that all students excel.

Who is eligible?

All teachers and leaders whose schools are in active partnership with EL Education, whether a network school or literacy curriculum partnership.

How do I nominate a teacher or school leader?

Rally support for your nominee! (Self-nominations are not permitted.) Submit your nomination by **Wednesday, May 29** at ELeducation.org/awards.

What nomination materials are required?

A letter of support and an artifact that illustrates the nominee's qualifications are required.

- **Letter of support.** A letter of support, no more than two pages in length, should explain how the teacher/leader exemplifies the award criteria. Strong nomination letters include specific evidence for each of the criteria. Letters must be signed by at least two teachers.
- **Artifact.** An artifact should further illustrate the nominee's qualifications. Examples of artifacts include, but are not limited to: student work; testimonials, such as from parents or the district; a video of classroom practice; school climate surveys; an article from local media; and curriculum.

Can a teacher or school leader be nominated more than once?

Yes. Past nominees and finalists are eligible, and previous nomination materials can be re-submitted by email notification (awards@ELeducation.org) by May 29, 2019. Past recipients are not eligible.

Can a school leader nominate a teacher?

No. Teachers must be nominated by fellow teachers. A letter from the school leader will be requested for all finalists for the Klingenstein Teacher Award.

Can EL Education staff nominate a teacher or school leader?

No.

When does the nomination process close?

Nominations are received on a rolling basis. The last day to nominate a teacher or school leader is May 29, 2019. You may notify us by email (awards@ELeducation.org) at any time of your plans to nominate a teacher or school leader, so that we know to expect your letter of support.

How are recipients selected?

Selection Committees are established for each award each year. These Selection Committees convene in person to review the materials and select the recipients against the award criteria.

- The Klingenstein Teacher Award Selection Committee is made up of four teachers from school partners.
- The Silverberg Leadership Award Selection Committee is made up of four school leaders from EL Education Credentialed Schools.

When are the recipients notified?

All nominees will be notified in summer 2019.

When are the awards presented?

The awards will be presented during the EL Education 2019 National Conference in Atlanta, October 17-19.

What do the awards include?

Each award includes a \$5,000 cash prize, as well as an invitation to attend the National Conference with one personal guest (all expenses paid). In addition, the Klingenstein Teacher Award Recipient will be invited to present a Master Class at a future National Conference.

Who makes these awards possible?

The Klingenstein Teacher Award is made possible by Lee Klingenstein, Founding Chair of the EL Education Board of Directors. The Silverberg Leadership Award is made possible by Irwin Silverberg, Treasurer of the EL Education Board of Directors.

Who are the past recipients?

Klingenstein Teacher Award

2018: Annie Holyfield, Joe Shoemaker School in Denver
2017: Lindsay Slabich, The Springfield Renaissance School
2016: Chris Dolgos, Genesee Community Charter School
2015: Jon Exall, Odyssey School of Denver
2014: Beth Mowry, Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies
2013: Merry Byles-Daly, Grass Valley Charter School
Inaugural: Susan McCray, Casco Bay High School

Silverberg Leadership Award

2018: Laina Cox, Capital City Public Charter School

2017: Michelle Navarre, Polaris Charter Academy

2016: Derek Pierce, Casco Bay High School

2015: Lisa Wing, Genesee Community Charter School

2014: Thabiti Brown, Codman Academy Charter Public School

Additional questions

Please email awards@ELeEducation.org with additional questions.