

# Education 2018 Awards

## Educator Awards

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## Frequently Asked Questions

The Klingenstein Teacher and Silverberg Leadership Awards were established to celebrate the exceptional teaching and leadership for which EL Education is known. There is an open process in the spring when teachers nominate other inspiring teachers and leaders to receive the award(s). The awards are bestowed annually during the EL Education National Conference.

**The 2018 deadline to nominate a teacher or leader is June 11.**

### 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:

- Catalyze positive leadership as a shared function from teachers, parents, and students;
- Inspire teachers and students to embrace the EL Education culture of quality and collegiality;
- Create an atmosphere of engagement and high standards for both learning and character;
- Set a “higher bar” for and recognize excellence among teachers and students; and
- Encourage innovation while providing teachers the means to explore outstanding practices within the EL Education community.

**Who is eligible?**

All teachers and leaders whose schools are in active partnership with EL Education, whether a school design 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 **June 11, 2018** at [ELeducation.org/awards](http://ELeducation.org/awards).

**What nomination materials are required?**

A letter of support, no more than two pages in length, that explains how the teacher/leader exemplifies the award criteria is required. Letters must be signed by at least two teachers. We also recommend sharing an artifact that further illustrates the nominee's qualifications. Examples of artifacts include, but are not limited to: student work student/parent testimonials; a video of classroom practice; 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 2017 nomination materials can be re-submitted by email notification ([awards@ELeducation.org](mailto:awards@ELeducation.org)) by June 11, 2018. 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 June 11, 2018. You may notify us by email ([awards@ELeducation.org](mailto: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, including finalists, are notified in the late summer. The 2018 recipients will be notified in September 2018, but the public announcement will not be made until the National Conference.

**When are the awards presented?**

The awards will be presented during the EL Education 2018 National Conference in Philadelphia, November 9-11.

**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

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

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**

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