



**MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION  
2015 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS  
FACT SHEET – NEW MEXICO**

**The Awards**

The Milken Educator Awards program provides recognition and unrestricted financial awards of \$25,000 to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, and specialists who are furthering excellence in our nation’s schools. This year, up to 40 of America’s finest educators will be honored.

**National Notifications**

Each year exceptional educators—considered without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state’s department of education—are surprised with the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which they can use in any way they choose. These announcements are made during emotional assemblies held at each recipient’s school, and are attended by students and peers, as well as federal, state and local officials, and the media.

**Key Statistics**

**National**

**New Mexico**

- Up to 40 recipients across the country
- More than 2,600 recipients since inception (including new recipients)
- Over \$66 million in Awards since inception

- \$25,000 to be awarded in New Mexico
- 1 recipient in 2015
- 59 recipients since program began in New Mexico
- \$1,475,000 awarded in New Mexico since program began

**History**

The Milken Educator Awards program was launched by the Milken Family Foundation in 1987.

New Mexico joined the Milken Educator Awards program in 1992.

**Milken Family Foundation**

The Milken Family Foundation (MFF) was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. MFF advances this mission primarily through its work in education, medical research and public health.

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