



MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS FAST FACTS

About the Program:

- The Milken Family Foundation (MFF) launched the Awards in 1987.
- Motto: *The Future Belongs to the Educated*
- Provides public recognition and unrestricted financial awards of \$25,000 to outstanding K–12 teachers, principals and specialists who are furthering excellence in education
- The nation’s preeminent teacher recognition program
- Alternates yearly between elementary and secondary educators
- MFF has directed more than \$137 million to the program, including awards and professional development opportunities
- Headquartered in Santa Monica, California

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- Over \$66 million has been presented to more than 2,600 of America’s top educators
- Recipients are selected in early to mid-career for what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish
- Candidates are confidentially recommended to the Foundation by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state’s department of education
- Recipients join the Milken Educator Network, a group of distinguished educators fostering effective leadership,
<http://milkeneducatorawards.org/newsroom/videos/view/4520>.

About the Milken Family Foundation

The Milken Family Foundation (MFF) was established in 1982 by Michael and Lowell Milken 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. For more information, visit www.mff.org and connect with us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the criteria for selection?

- 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;
- Individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight;
- Early- to mid-career educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and
- Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.

How are the Awards announced?

The main element is surprise! Each year, new recipients are taken completely by surprise at schoolwide assemblies. With an entourage of media and distinguished officials, an MFF representative along with the state chief of education typically notifies the recipient, often accompanied by the governor and other state and federal leaders, <http://milkeneducatorawards.org/newsroom/videos/view/4514>.

Are the recipients required to do anything specific with their monetary awards?

Milken Educators may use their unrestricted \$25,000 cash Awards in any way they wish.

Are there other benefits associated with the Award?

The program provides powerful professional development opportunities, such as networking with leading education stakeholders, for Milken Educators to impact education at local, state and national levels. New recipients are invited to join the Milken Educator Network, a group of more than 2,600 distinguished educators and leaders from across the country, whose expertise serves as a valuable resource to fellow educators, legislators, school boards and others shaping the future of education.

What is the best way to contact the Milken Educator Awards program?

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