



2025

The Weller Excellence in Teaching Award

The Weller Foundation, Incorporated

Overview

The Weller Excellence in Teaching Award* is presented annually to recognize the teaching quality and innovation exhibited by certified classroom teachers in grades kindergarten through five. This honor hopes to encourage the teaching excellence vital to our youth.

Award**

The award recipient will receive **\$1,000** and a Certificate of Honor.

Eligibility

Certified kindergarten through five teachers currently teaching in the Easton/Redding, Masuk, Newtown, Shelton, and Trumbull Public School System and have developed a successful curriculum project implemented in the classroom as part of the curriculum during the current or previous academic year are eligible to apply.

- Joint applications will not be accepted.
- Projects previously submitted for this award are not eligible for resubmission.
- Projects which have previously won this award are not eligible.
- Relatives of past or present Trustees of The Weller Foundation, Incorporated are not eligible.

* Effective September 1999; formerly The Weller Outstanding Teacher Award.

**Awards are subject to all applicable Federal and/or State taxes.

The Trustees reserve the right to exercise their discretion on all matters.

Notes

- This award will not be offered unless at least two qualified applicants apply.

- The 2024 recipient is not eligible to apply for the 2025 award but can apply in 2026 or subsequent years.

Application

Please complete the application and submit it to your town's Superintendent's office or call the Foundation at 475-395-6397.

Submit to your town's Superintendent:

Easton, Redding/Region 9:

Dr. Jason McKinnon,
Superintendent
654 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT
06612
Phone: (203) 261-2513

Newtown:

Anne Uberti,
Superintendent
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT
06470
Phone: (203) 426-7617

Trumbull:

Dr. Martin Semmel,
Superintendent
6254 Main St, Trumbull, CT
06611
Phone: (203) 452-4301

Monroe:

Joseph Kobza,
Superintendent
375 Monroe Turnpike,
Monroe, CT 06468
Phone: (203) 452-2860

Shelton:

Kenneth D. Saranich,
Superintendent
382 Long Hill Ave,
Shelton, CT
06484
Phone: (203) 924-1023

Judging

The award recipient will be selected by a panel of judges coordinated by your Superintendent of Schools.

- Completed applications must be received no later than **February 28, 2025**
- The award recipient will be determined in early April.

2025 APPLICATION FORM

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Submission deadline: February 28, 2025

Complete the application using this fillable pdf form. Save and print your completed application to submit to your town's Superintendent (see listed on page 5).

(Please TYPE or PRINT all data in black ink.)

Applicant/Teacher's Name: _____

Social Security Number (required for 1099-NEC Tax Form): _____

Complete Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

School Name: _____ School Tel. #: _____

School Address: _____

Currently Teaching Grade: _____ Title: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Have you previously won this award? (circle one) Yes No
If yes, in what year(s)? _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

Was this project implemented in the classroom? (circle one) Yes No

The project was implemented in grade(s) _____ and is suitable for grades(s) _____.

Approximately how many students participated in this project during the academic year? _____
During the previous academic year? _____

Subject Area: _____

Project Description (concise description of the project in two to four sentences):

Project Goals:

Describe how goal achievement is measured

What are the new learning activities of this project?

What aspects of this project do you consider to be especially innovative or creative?

Why do you believe this was a successful project?

Enclosed are the following materials that may help judge the project:

The winning project is expected to be distributed to the academic community. (The award recipient will prepare the project for dissemination.) The applicant implemented the project described above in my school within the current or previous academic year.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I verify that I have met the eligibility criteria, developed the project, and implemented it successfully in my classroom during the current or previous academic year. I agree to allow it to be published and/or distributed to the academic community. While it is expected that any supplementary material submitted with this application will be returned to me, I understand that The Weller Foundation, Incorporated, and the Superintendent of Trumbull Public Schools accept no responsibility.

Signature of Applicant

Date