



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, Monroe, 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):

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Project Goals:

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Describe how goal achievement is measured

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What are the new learning activities of this project?

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

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Why do you believe this was a successful project?

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

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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.

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**Signature of Applicant**

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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.

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**Signature of Applicant**

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Date