

# MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS

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The prestigious honor, created by Lowell Milken and often described as the "Oscars of Teaching," has recognized outstanding teachers for more than three decades with unrestricted **\$25,000 cash prizes**. The initiative not only aims to reward great teachers, but also to "Celebrate, Elevate and Activate" those innovators who are guiding America's next generation of leaders.

Journeying to the **3,000th Milken Educator**, in 2024 we will reach **\$75 million** in individual financial prizes spanning the length of the initiative and **more than \$144 million** invested in the Milken Educator Award national network overall, empowering recipients to broaden their impact on the American K-12 profession.



*"The future belongs to the educated"*

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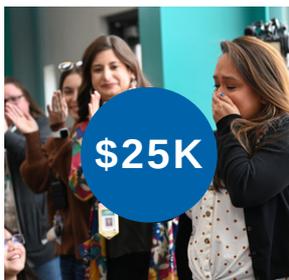
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INDIVIDUAL  
CASH PRIZE



OVERALL  
INITIATIVE FUNDING



TOTAL FINANCIAL  
PRIZES



NATIONWIDE  
EDUCATORS



EDUCATORS  
AWARDED

# LOWELL MILKEN

FOUNDER, MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS  
CHAIRMAN AND CO-FOUNDER, MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION

Since 1982, Lowell Milken has led the **Milken Family Foundation** as chairman, guided by a core principle that *“Education is at the heart of nearly everything we value as individuals, as citizens and as productive human beings.”* In 1987, Lowell created the **Milken Educator Awards** to recognize the importance of outstanding teachers and to encourage talented young people to choose education as a profession. More than 40 years of education research, policy and practices have followed, complemented by firsthand visits to thousands of classrooms and the creation of major national initiatives.



## KEY POINTS

- The Milken Educator Awards is the nation’s preeminent teacher recognition program.
- Educators cannot apply and are unaware of their candidacy due to a confidential selection process.
- Recipients are sought out while early to mid-career for what they have achieved – and for the promise of what they will accomplish given the resources and opportunities afforded by the Award.
- Educators are celebrated at all-school assemblies.
- Recipients gain access to powerful mentorship opportunities among the growing nationwide Milken Educator Network.

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