

THE FRANK KEMERER AWARD

TEXAS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS LEGAL DIGEST APPLICATION

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding social studies teacher at the high school level. The award is named for Dr. Frank Kemerer, longtime professor in the Education Department at the University of North Texas. Dr. Kemerer's teaching and writing consistently displayed a level of scholarship and professionalism that set a high standard for his students, many of whom now serve as teachers of administrators in Texas public schools.

Frank Kemerer's expertise covers a broad range of subjects, including education, law, and public policy. Besides serving as a Regents Professor at UNT, he is the author or co-author of numerous books, including *The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law* and the *Documentation Handbook*.

Criteria

Nominees for the Frank R. Kemerer Award must have at least five years of teaching experience in social studies at the high school level and must be currently teaching in a Texas public high school. They must be nominated by their high school principal and endorsed by the superintendent. Nominees should display enthusiasm for teaching, creativity, as well as effectiveness as measured by student achievements. An ability to teach effectively to various levels of students, from basic class to advanced placement, will be valued. In addition, nominees should be an integral part of the life and culture of the school as evidenced by involvement in student curricular and/or extracurricular activities.

Process

Nominations and completed applications should be uploaded through the link provided on the TASSP Frank Kemerer Award web page. The TASSP Principal Image Committee, in conjunction with TASSP and ED311 staff, will screen nominees. The winner will be announced at the annual TASSP/ED311 Legal Conference in June.

Deadline for Applications: February 1, 2026

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APPLICATION

Name of Nominee:			
Nominee's Phone:			
Nominee's E-mail:			
High School Name:			
High School Address:			
High School City/Zip:		District:	
Principal's Phone:		Principal's E-mail:	

The initial step in the selection process is to review the responses to these questions. The top 3 - 5 nominees will be selected to advance in the process.

Please indicate fully how your nominee demonstrates knowledge, skills, and practice in each area. Attach your responses to this form. Sign and date the form prior to submission. **The deadline is February 1, 2026.**

I. Experience:

- How long has the Nominee taught at your high school?
- How long has the Nominee taught in Texas public schools?
- What classes is the Nominee currently teaching?

We are looking for teachers who are:

- II. Enthusiastic about teaching. Please explain how the Nominee shows enthusiasm, with specific examples.
- III. Collaborative in developing strategies for increasing student engagement and success. Please explain how the Nominee displays collaboration, with specific examples.
- IV. Effective in the classroom, as shown by data-supported results in student achievement. Please explain the effectiveness of the Nominee, with specific examples.
- V. Creative with a wide range of students with various needs. Please describe the Nominee's experience in using creativity to increase the level of knowledge and skills with a diverse student population.
- VI. A vital part of the life and culture of your school. Please describe any co-curricular or extra-curricular activities that the Nominee has sponsored or designed that make possible a personalized, positive school experience for students. Cite specific examples.
- VII. Describe other significant attributes that would make this Nominee a good candidate for the Frank R. Kemerer Award. What awards and leadership roles has this Nominee received and why? Explain fully.

Submitted by:

Print High School Principal Name	Signature	Date
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Print Superintendent Name	Signature	Date
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