



Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence in Law Focused Education

Award Guidelines

Purpose:

To recognize an educator who has made an outstanding contribution to law focused education and whose programs:

- (1) foster understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems;
- (2) inform and educate students as to the roles in society of the law, the courts, the law enforcement agencies, and the legal profession;
- (3) stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility, instructing students to recognize their duties, as well as their rights;
- (4) encourage effective law focused education programs in their schools or communities; and
- (5) increase communication and understanding between students, educators, and those involved professionally in the legal system.

Eligibility:

Any public or private school classroom teacher in the state of Texas with a minimum of five years' experience may apply for the Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence.

Deadline:

Entries must be submitted using [Google form](#) and time stamped no later than 5:00 pm on April 8, 2024.

Awards:

The winner will be notified by May 15, 2024 and the award will be presented at the State Bar of Texas annual meeting. The winner will be awarded \$500 towards supporting their continued law focused education activities.

Entry Rules:

Nomination application packet should include:

- Nomination form
- Nominee's resume (Two pages maximum)
- Summary of the nominee's Law-Related Education activities (Two page maximum)
- Letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of nominee's contributions to LRE. One of the letters must be from a district or regional level curriculum and instruction specialist. An applicant is limited to a maximum of five (5) letters of recommendation.
- Additional Supporting Materials: This could include items such as summaries and/or descriptions of lessons, bibliography of LRE materials written by nominee, resolutions or citations which demonstrate the nominee's merit, newspaper articles, etc..

Each applicant's nomination packet cannot exceed twenty-five (25) one-sided 8.5" x 11" pages. Entries will be disqualified automatically if they do not comply fully with the entry rules governing the form of application. Entry packets written for other awards will not be accepted. Materials prepared by any member(s) of the State Bar of Texas staff are also ineligible.

The Leon Jaworski Award can only be awarded once per person.

Judging:

Among other factors, applicants applying for the awards will be judged on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

1. Leadership in the teaching profession in promoting law focused education;
2. Initiative in the development of law focused educational materials.
3. Initiative in the development of law focused programs in local schools;
4. Effective use of community resource persons in support of law focused education
5. Excellence in the instruction of law focused education
6. Evidence that law focused educational materials are currently being used in the classroom

Deadline:

Entries must be made on the [Google form](#) no later than 5:00 pm, April 8, 2024.

For questions or if having trouble uploading documents please contact Dodie Kasper at dodie.kasper@texasbar.com or Jan Miller at jmiller@texasbar.com