



EXCELLENCE

IN TEACHING AWARDS

EMERSON'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS 2026 PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Each year, Emerson's Excellence in Teaching Awards program recognizes educators — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — in the St. Louis metropolitan area who are examples of excellence in the field of education.

With its global headquarters located in St. Louis, Emerson is proud to present this special awards program to honor extraordinary teachers in both Missouri and Illinois. Since 1989, Emerson has sponsored the program as part of its ongoing commitment to promote quality education throughout the area.

ELIGIBILITY – Participation in Emerson's Excellence in Teaching Awards program is open to all public and private schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area that provide full-time instruction for students in kindergarten through college. The Excellence in Teaching Awards team sends emails in August to chief administrators of public and private schools, as well as colleges and universities, in the St. Louis metropolitan area inviting them to participate in the program.

For the purposes of this program, the St. Louis metropolitan area refers to the following: (in Missouri) Franklin County, Jefferson County, St. Charles County, St. Louis City and St. Louis County; and (in Illinois) Jersey County, Madison County, Monroe County and St. Clair County.

Only teachers who have been employed for three or more years at their current school are eligible to be selected, and a teacher cannot be nominated for the same school district more than once.

GUIDELINES – Chief administrators of employing school districts or educational institutions select recipients. Each school district or educational institution may select one honoree for every 500 full-time teachers. If your school district or educational institution has less than 500 full-time teachers, please select one honoree.

Please submit one honoree per nomination form. For school districts and educational institutions with multiple eligible honorees, please submit multiple nomination forms (one per honoree). The nomination forms must be completed by the administrator or his/her designee. The forms can be found at emerson.com/en/corporate/about-us/excellence-in-teaching.

SELECTION PROCESS – Employing institutions select their recipients for nomination. Neither Emerson nor the Excellence in Teaching Awards team is involved in the selection process. The deadline to submit the teacher honoree profile is **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026**.

RECOGNITION – Emerson will honor recipients at a celebratory reception, hosted at the Ritz Carlton in St. Louis, Missouri. Administrators will be notified of Emerson's acceptance of their nominee(s) in October, and attendees will be asked to RSVP to the event at that time. At the November event, honorees will receive a keepsake award engraved with their name and a certificate suitable for framing. For those who cannot attend, Emerson will arrange for delivery to the address provided in the submission form. Emerson will also announce all Excellence in Teaching Awards honorees in a press release to St. Louis area news media.

