

TPSEF INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR AWARD 2020

The TPSEF Innovative Educator Award

The Topeka Public Schools Educational Foundation will honor two (2) individuals as Innovative Educators; at least one recipient annually will be a teacher of a STEAM course. The two (2) Innovative Educators will receive a \$1,000 grant to be used in their areas.

Nomination Eligibility

Each building administrative team may nominate **one educator in their building who is demonstrating innovation. Innovation has been defined for this award as using or creating new strategies, tools or ideas to achieve greater productivity and improved student results.**

Nomination Requirements

The building principal or assistant principal completes an essay entry. Special consideration should be given to STEM teachers or innovative STEM practices. However, “educators” in other areas doing exceptional work to engage students are eligible to be considered.

Administrator Essay Entry

Topic: What is it that distinguishes your nominee / educator as innovative?

Content: Information to be included in the essay:

- The specific strategies, tools or ideas that made the nominee exceptional.
- How student learning was positively impacted.
- How the strategies, tools or ideas were inventive, original and/or novel.
- How content area(s) were impacted.

Format: 1-page (front-only), 350 words or less.

Process Timeline

Friday, March 6, 2020: Essays are due electronically to Dr. Aarion Gray by 4pm (agray@tps501.org)

March 16-27, 2020: Selection committee meets & determines Topeka Public School’s innovative educators.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020: Principals and two recipients will be notified.