

2013 Award Opportunities

Award programs for districts

Districts Accredited with Distinction -

www.cde.state.co.us/Accountability/PerformanceFrameworksOverview.asp

This distinction honors districts that meet or exceed statewide attainment on performance indicators.

Award: Each district receives a certificate and is recognized at a CDE awards ceremony in Dec. 2013

Selection process: CDE identifies the top 10 percent of Colorado's school districts with the highest performance on the district performance framework

Timeline: Districts who receive the distinction will be notified in Nov. 2013

Green Ribbon Schools - www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html

The Green Ribbon honors schools or districts for their efforts to improve student health and achievement, and reduce their environmental impact.

Award: Federal recognition award and national award ceremony

Selection process: Competitive application process through CDE which submits Colorado nominees to the U.S. Department of Education

Nominations open: Fall 2013

Nominations due: December 2013

Award programs for schools

Blue Ribbon - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/BlueRibbon/blueribbon.htm

The Blue Ribbon honors highly successful schools for:

- Exemplary high performing (top 10 percent measured by state tests in reading and math) **OR**
- Exemplary improving (at least 40 percent of students from disadvantaged background and dramatically improved student performance to high levels in reading and math on state assessments).

Award: Each school is given a banner and statuette, and the principal and one teacher from each school are invited to a special ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Selection process: CDE identifies eligible schools and submits identified schools' applications to the U.S. Department of Education

Nominations due: February 2013

Centers of Excellence - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/ctrsofexcellence.htm

Each year, public schools are recognized that enroll a 75 percent at-risk student population and demonstrate the highest rates of student longitudinal growth, as measured by the Colorado Growth Model.

Award: Winning schools receive a certificate and are recognized at a CDE awards ceremony in Dec. 2013

Selection process: CDE identifies schools with top growth on TCAP with a student population that is 75 percent at-risk

Timeline: Winners are notified in Nov. 2013

CDE's Competitive Grants & Awards Unit

www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/cga/index.asp

We are dedicated to enhancing school improvement through federal and state grant and award opportunities. We offer support to students, teachers and administrations in the application process for the grants and award programs. If you have any questions about any 2013 award opportunities, please contact us:

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Governor's Distinguished Improvement - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/govdistinguishedimprov.htm

Awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth on the school performance framework. The schools "exceed" expectations on the school performance framework related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations related to academic growth gaps.

Award: Winning schools receive a certificate and are recognized at a CDE awards ceremony in Dec. 2013

Selection process: CDE identifies schools that "exceed" expectations on the school performance framework's Academic Growth indicator and that "meet or exceed" expectations on the Academic Growth Gaps indicators

Timeline: Winners are notified in Nov. 2013

Highly Effective School Libraries - www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/highlyeffective/index.htm

Recognizes school libraries with highly effective programs correlated to student success by incorporating Colorado Academic Standards, 21st century skills, national standards, and setting a high bar.

Award: Each library receives a certificate, is recognized at the Colorado Association of Libraries conference and is nominated for the Colorado Association of Libraries or American Association of School Librarians award

Nominations open: September 2013

Nominations due: December 2013

For more information, contact Becky Russell at Russell_b@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6772

John Irwin - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/johnirwin.htm

The John Irwin awards are given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement on the school performance framework. The schools "exceed" expectations on the school performance framework related to academic achievement and "meet or exceed" expectations related to academic growth gaps.

Award: Winning schools receive a certificate and are recognized at a CDE awards ceremony in Dec. 2013

Selection process: Schools that "exceed" expectations on the school performance framework's academic achievement indicator and that "meet or exceed" expectations on the academic growth gaps indicator

Timeline: Winners are notified in Nov. 2013

Title I Distinguished School - www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/ti/a_awardsdistschls.asp

Two Title I Schools are recognized annually:

- One school is recognized with the Exemplary Achievement Award (school with the highest number of students partially proficient, proficient or advanced on aggregate TCAP scores for all grades served)
- Another school is recognized with the Closing the Achievement Gap Award (school with the highest aggregate TCAP scores and has significantly closed the gap between two identified groups of students, i.e. minority vs. non-minority)

Award: Recognition at the National Title I conference, additional honors and incentives if funding available

Selection Process: CDE selects eligible schools according to CSAP data

Timeline: Winners are notified in January 2013

Award programs for teachers

Colorado Teacher of the Year - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/trtoyinf.htm

The Colorado Teacher of the Year award honors one outstanding teacher in Colorado and the winner is entered into the National Teacher of the Year award competition

Award: The winning teacher receives a statue, gifts and grants from sponsors, release days, travel to Washington, D.C., and technology for their classroom

Nominations open: Feb. 13, 2013

Nominations due: May 17, 2013

Milken Educator Award - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/trmilken.htm

The Milken Educator Awards were established by Milken Family Foundation Chairman Lowell Milken to provide public recognition and individual financial rewards to elementary and secondary teachers, principals and specialists who are furthering excellence in education.

Award: One educator will receive \$25,000 from the Hearst Foundation and a trip to the annual Milken event

Selection Process: Milken coordinator selects a blue ribbon committee to make nominations and submit to the Milken Family Foundation

Online Teacher and Guidance Counselor Recognition- www.cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/whatsnew.asp

The recognition awards online teachers and guidance counselors that have gone above and beyond in their service to students enrolled in Colorado's online schools and programs.

Award: The teacher receives recognition with a trophy and certificate

Nominations due by: March 8, 2013

For more information, contact Renee Martinez at Martinez_r@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6864

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) – www.paemst.org

The President of the U.S. awards 108 educators each year with the PAEMST, the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching.

Award: One math teacher and one science teacher will each receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF), a certificate and a trip for two to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony

Selection process: States coordinate selection process of five finalists from each discipline using NSF criteria and the national selection committee chooses winners from each state

Contact Mary Pittman (math) pittman_m@cde.state.co.us or Joanna Bruno (science) bruno_j@cde.state.co.us

Award programs for students

National Youth Science Camp - www.cde.state.co.us/CoScience/index.asp

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program for young scientists the summer after they graduate from high school. Students from around the country are challenged academically in exciting lectures and hands-on studies, and have voluntary opportunities to participate in an outdoor adventure program, gain a new and deep appreciation for the great outdoors, and establish friendships that last a lifetime.

Award: Two students will receive as all-expense paid trip to NYSC on June 26- July 20, 2013

Nominations due: March 1, 2013

For additional information, contact Joanna Bruno at bruno_j@cde.state.co.us or 303-919-3907

Perfect ACT

Honors all 11th grade public school students that receive a perfect score of 36 on their Colorado ACT.

Award: Each student receives a certificate, recognition at a State Board of Education ceremony, and attends a luncheon with the State Board of Education, families and principals

Submission process: 11th grade public school students that receive a perfect 36 on the Colorado ACT

For more information contact Christine Deines at deines_c@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6877

U.S. Senate Youth Program - www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/senateyouth.htm

Opportunity for two talented young people with demonstrated leadership abilities to deepen their understanding of America's political resolve to pursue careers in public service.

Award: A \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. funded by the Hearst Foundation.

Nominations open: July 2013

Nominations due: October 2013