

DKG-WSO
2025 Active Educator Showcase and
Educator of the Year Award.

1. Description of the showcase and the award

The Washington State Organization of DKG wishes to recognize the many outstanding WSO members who are currently active in the field of education. The 2025 Showcase of WSO Active Educators, featuring several of our active educator members, will be shared at the Spring Convention in Skamania. Convention attendees will have a chance to interact with these educators and to ask them more about their work. One individual from the showcase will be selected by the ad hoc committee to receive the 2025 WSO Educator of the Year trophy.

2. Description of the Nomination Process

Nominations will come from Chapters. Under the leadership of the Chapter President or her designee, each Chapter may nominate ONE of their own members for this honor. The nominee must agree to the nomination, and may contribute ideas to answers on the Nomination Form.

- A nominee must be a member of the nominating Chapter.
- A nominee must be currently employed and actively working in the field of education, but not necessarily as a classroom teacher.
- Members of the Selection Committee and the current State President are not eligible to be nominated.
- A Chapter President may be nominated, but it is suggested that active educator Presidents ask a designee to lead the selection process.
- A Chapter may nominate an individual who was nominated in a previous year, especially if that individual has additional achievements since the last nomination. However, the Educator of the Year trophy will not be awarded more than once to an individual.

3. Who will be on the ad-hoc committee to select the trophy recipient?

The ad-hoc Selection Committee for 2025 recognition will be Claire Smith (Chair), Monique Harrison and Susan Fritts.

4. What will the nominees receive?

All nominees with a complete and timely application form will be featured in the Showcase. In addition, the selected awardee will be presented with an engraved plaque and will have her professional accomplishments described in the WSO News.

5. When will the award be made?

Nominations are due by March 1, 2025. Shortly thereafter, the ad-hoc committee will confirm inclusion in the Showcase. The announcement as to the trophy recipient will occur at the Birthday Luncheon during Spring Convention 2025.

6. How do we nominate someone?

This information sheet will be sent to Chapter Presidents and Area Liaisons at the beginning of 2025, and will be available on the website. The Nomination Form will be a Google Form placed on the DKGWA website. Alternatively, members may request a paper copy of the nomination form by contacting Dr. Claire Smith.

The Nomination Form will collect details of the nominee, including contact information, current job, and names and emails of two references. The last two questions will ask nominating Chapters to describe achievements or traits that make this individual stand out from the crowd.

7. What information will be shared in the Showcase?

The Showcase will typically list the nominee’s name, work location, grade level/subject taught, and two or three achievements or special traits. All information will be taken from the Nomination Form.

8. What is the Selection Team looking for in the trophy awardee?

A rubric will guide the decision making. The criteria will be:

- A thorough knowledge of teaching and learning
- Contributions to the educational community
- Achievements in education
- Creativity in curriculum design
- Other talents, traits or skills that make the nominee outstanding as an educator.

9. What happens after we submit our Chapter’s nomination?

The Selection Committee will acknowledge receipt of the nomination and will contact the Chapter if further information or clarification is needed. The Committee will read and score all nominations once the application window has closed. They will choose items to be featured in the Showcase and will also select the overall winner. The Committee’s decision is final.

10. Who will answer my additional questions?

Please feel free to contact Dr. Claire Smith with any queries about the Showcase or the Award:

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Questions on the Nomination Form

1. Information about the individual completing this form: Name
2. Information about the individual completing this form: Email
3. Information about the individual completing this form: Chapter
4. Information about the nominee: Name
5. Information about the nominee: Email
6. Information about the nominee: Chapter
7. Information about the nominee: School/district where currently employed
8. Information about the nominee: Current position (age/grade level; subject matter taught; other responsibilities)
9. Name and email of a DKG sister (any Chapter) who can attest to nominee's work
10. Name and email of a colleague who can attest to the nominee's work
11. Consider the nominee's day-to-day work: describe two or three aspects that make her stand out as an educator. (max. 150 words)
12. What are two or three outstanding contributions by the nominee to the overall field of education? (max. 150 words)

At a later stage, the ad-hoc committee may request photos to accompany the information about the nominee. Resumes and written references are not required with this nomination.
