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## THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION (CHED) REGION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING



### AWARD PROGRAM FOR 2026

**Purpose:** To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Southwest Region. The Southwest Region of the ACS consists of the following Local Sections: Brazosport, Panhandle Plains, Baton Rouge, Permian Basin, Central Arkansas, Rio Grande Valley, Central Texas, Sabine–Neches, Dallas–Fort Worth, San Antonio, East Texas, South Plains, Greater Houston, South Texas, Heart O' Texas, Southwest Louisiana, Louisiana, Texas A & M, Northern Oklahoma, Tulsa, Northwest Louisiana, University of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Wichita Falls–Duncan, and Ouachita Valley.

**Nature:** The Region Award consists of a cash award and a plaque. Reasonable travel expenses to the Regional Meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. A certificate and/or plaque may also be presented to the recipient for display at their institution; there is also a monetary award. The awardee may be asked to give a keynote address and/or participate in a symposium with other teachers, usually at a future meeting. Unsuccessful nominations may be kept for three years. If a nominee opts-in, then nominations are automatically resubmitted to the awards committee for consideration during that time. Any further updating of the candidates' file will be welcomed, but they are not mandatory.

**Who May Nominate?** Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee, may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local Sections within the Region are especially encouraged to submit nominations for the award.

**Who is Eligible?** The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry or a chemical science in a high school (grades 9-12) on at least a half-time basis. The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes as possible:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching (unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized);
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;

- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

***Required components of Nomination Portfolio:***

- The Awards Committee will consider only **complete** nomination portfolios.
- A complete portfolio shall consist of
  1. A Nomination Portfolio Check List (see below), which shall serve as the Portfolio Cover Sheet;
  2. Nominator Information Form (see page 5);
  3. Nominee Information Form (see page 6);
  4. Nominator Recommendation of not more than 750 words submitted by the nominator according to the guidelines outlined on the Recommendation Form (see page 7);
  5. A current curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession; **NOTE: This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.**
  6. A statement by the nominee of not more than 500 words that describes the nominee's teaching philosophy or commitment to the profession;
  7. At least one, but not more than three, letters of support. One letter, of no more than 400 words, must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor. Additional letters of support, of no more than 400 words, may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society, who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents of former students.

**Note: Some commentary on student reaction to the work of the nominee in either the nominating letter or that of the current principal or supervisor is essential for a well-rounded portfolio.**

Submit nominations by email attachment to [awards@swrm.org](mailto:awards@swrm.org), by **August 15, 2026**. Please state "Award for Excellence in High School Teaching" in subject line.

ACS Division of Chemical Education  
Award for Excellence in High School Teaching  
2026 Nomination Portfolio Check List

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Nominee's Name:      Click or tap here to enter text.

The following items are required components for a Nomination Portfolio. Please check each item contained in the portfolio. This list, submitted by the nominator, will serve as the cover to every submitted portfolio.

- Nominator Information Form;
- Nominee Information Form;
- Nominator Recommendation Letter of no more than 750 words;
- Nominee's Current Teaching Assignment;
- Nominee's Current CV:  
A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.
- Nominee's Statement on Teaching Philosophy of no more than 500 words;
- Letters of Support (no more than 400 words):

**One must** be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor.

**Up to two** additional letters of support may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents of former students.

## NOMINATION FORM

### THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

**Deadline: August 15, 2026**

Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or current students, may nominate or support *only* one nominee during any given award year. Submit nominations by email attachment to [awards@swrm.org](mailto:awards@swrm.org) by **August 15, 2026**. Please state "*Award for Excellence in High School Teaching*" in subject line.

The award will be presented at the SWRM 2026 Regional Meeting of the ACS.

## NOMINATION FORM

### THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

**Deadline: August 15, 2026**

#### Nominator Information

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company or Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Present Position (Exact Title): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fax: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

## Nominee Information

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company or Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Present Position (Exact Title): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fax: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Website: Click or tap here to enter text.

Has the nomination been discussed with the nominee?  YES  No

- Give your current teaching assignment including course titles and grade levels.  
What is your involvement in extracurricular activities?

- On separate sheet(s), provide a curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.

- On a separate sheet, provide a statement of not more than 500 words in which you present your teaching philosophy or otherwise describe your commitment to the profession.

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### RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT OF NOMINATOR

Submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words that describes and comments upon the following:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching. Unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

## Support Forms

Support forms are being requested from the following individuals (No more than three will be accepted).

### 1. Support Form Requested From:

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

### 2. Support Form Requested From:

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Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

### 3. Support Form Requested From:

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

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AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

**Deadline: August 15, 2026**

## Support Form

**Directions:** Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee, may nominate or support *only* one nominee for this award in any given year. Please complete all fields.

**Submittal process:** Submit support forms via email attachment to [aks057000@utdallas.edu](mailto:aks057000@utdallas.edu).

Please state "Award for Excellence in High School Teaching" in subject line.

Region: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

## Nominee Information

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company or Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

## Supporter Information

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Initial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company or Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Present Position (Exact Title): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fax: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Website: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Recommendation:**

In the space below, paste or type a brief narrative summary (no more than 400 words) describing how you know the nominee and the basis for your support of this nomination.

Click here to paste or type the narrative summary.