

Announces the 2024

Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education Award

As a part of the Beaumont Foundation's ongoing commitment to support education, the **Gilbert I. "Buddy" Low Excellence in Education Award** was created in 2010 to celebrate and recognize superior contributions of teachers whose leadership and dedication inspire a spirit of learning in students of all backgrounds and learning abilities. ***An elementary, middle school and high school teacher will be selected annually to receive this prestigious Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the education system of East Texas.*** Each Award Recipient will be honored at an awards gala and receive a crystal obelisk, a portrait and **\$10,000.**

Eligibility

- ◆ Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education candidates must:
 - Have completed five years teaching experience.
 - Be a full-time classroom teacher at a public or non-public school in Angelina, Sabine or San Augustine County, Texas whose responsibility is the direct instruction of students.
 - Complete the Foundation's application packet by the stated deadline.
- ◆ Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education candidates should exemplify the highest standards and practices of the teaching profession. These qualities include but are not limited to:
 - Dedication, knowledge, and skill;
 - The expertise to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities;
 - A demonstrated distinguished classroom practice;
 - Professionalism and collegiality;
 - High standards for themselves and their students;
 - The ability to create a classroom environment conducive to learning;
 - Commitment to students and their learning;
 - The respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues;
 - Contribution to the wider school community.

Nomination Process

- ◆ Schools or individuals are invited to nominate teachers; however, a teacher may not self-nominate. Previous winners are not eligible for nomination. All nominations must use the approved nomination form.

Application Process

- ◆ All nominees must complete an application packet if they are interested in participating.

Selection Process

- ◆ Each participating school will select a 5-person nominating committee to receive campus nominations. Only students and teachers will serve on the nominating committee at each campus. Committee membership at Middle and High School campuses must have two teachers and three students. All elementary campuses must have student representation. The student(s) may be former student(s) from the elementary campus, but must be a current student(s) in the district.
- ◆ Each school's nominating committee can select a campus nominee for the Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education award and submit required materials to the Foundation per the Campus Checklist. Schools that have more than 50 teachers may submit two (2) nominations and schools that have more than 100 teachers may submit three (3) nominations.
- ◆ Campus nominees will be submitted to the Foundation for final selection of the Gilbert I. Low Elementary, Middle and High School Excellence in Education Award Winners.

Timeline

Friday, October 27, 2023: Nomination/Application Packets Available on Website
Friday, January 26, 2024: Completed Nomination/Application Packet Due to Beaumont Foundation by 5:00 PM
March 2024: Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education Award Winners Announced
Tuesday, May 21, 2024: Awards Banquet Honoring the Gilbert I. Low Excellence in Education Award Winners

Visit the Foundation's Website for more details.

www.bmtfoundation.com.