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# 2019 Huntsman Education Awards Nominations Now Open

The Nomination Process Will Take Place Entirely Online This Year

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, February 1, 2019 - Karen Huntsman and the Huntsman family have announced that nominations for the 2019 Huntsman Education Awards are now open.

Every year, the Huntsman Awards Committee encourages students, classroom parents, colleagues and supervisors to nominate the state's most talented teachers, administrators, volunteers or special education teachers. All public schools and districts throughout the state of Utah are invited to participate. Nominations are due Friday, March 15, 2019 and winners will be announced roughly 60 days later.

Six teachers (two each from elementary, middle and high schools), three administrators (one each from elementary, middle and high schools), one special education teacher and one volunteer are selected to receive \$10,000 each in honor of their direct positive impact on the lives and education of Utah's public schoolchildren.

"The Huntsman Education Awards are very important to us," says Karen Huntsman. "We started recognizing public educators in 1993 simply to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant impact they have on our children and in our neighborhoods. Jon's father was a public teacher and later became a superintendent who spent his entire career helping educate others. The contributions of so many dedicated men and women go largely unrecognized by most. Hopefully these awards can help give proper attention and credit to those who really make a difference in the lives of others. Our public teachers, administrators, and volunteers are true pillars in our communities — and we are honored to celebrate their influence."

In a change from previous years, the Huntsman Education Awards has partnered with ThoughtLab, a creative agency with offices in Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and New York City, to create a website for the awards with an online nomination process to make it easier to participate. All nominations must be submitted online to be eligible.

To learn more and to submit a nomination, visit <https://www.huntsmaneducationawards.com/> and follow them on Facebook.

## **ABOUT THE HUNTSMAN EDUCATION AWARDS:**

Since 1993, the Huntsman Education Awards, previously known as the Huntsman Awards for Excellence in Education, have rewarded bright and capable individuals working in Utah's public schools. By celebrating these individuals, the awards seek to inspire current educators and to rekindle interest in the teaching profession among young people. Every year, eleven winners are selected in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Utah's public school system and each receives a crystal obelisk and \$10,000, donated by the Huntsman family, at an awards banquet.

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