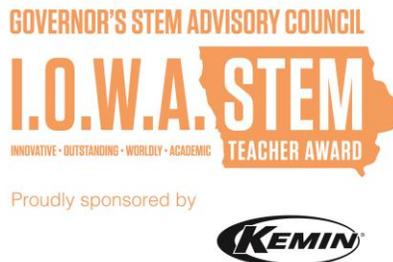


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Nomination deadline for 2016 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award quickly approaching

Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Kemin Industries look to honor state's leading STEM teachers

DES MOINES, IOWA – December 2, 2016 –The deadline for the [2016 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award](#) sponsored by Kemin Industries closes Friday, December 11 at midnight. This initiative from the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Kemin Industries will honor six full-time, K-12 teachers across the six STEM regions in Iowa that bring learning in the classroom to life in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

“Advancing STEM education is the core mission of the STEM Council, and we are honored to partner with Kemin Industries to achieve that goal,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, co-chair of the STEM Council. “Equipping STEM teachers to help prepare today's students for exciting careers in STEM is a great responsibility and we are truly grateful for their support in this effort.”

Anyone can submit a nomination for an Innovative, Outstanding, Worldly and Academic (I.O.W.A.) teacher by visiting stemaward.fluidreview.com. Once nominated, each teacher will be invited to complete an application that will be reviewed by a panel of judges and one recipient from each of the six STEM regions will be selected. The six awardees will each receive \$1,500 for personal use and \$1,500 for their classroom. They will also be honored at a formal reception at the Governor's residence, Terrace Hill in April 2016.

“We are extremely appreciative of STEM teachers in Iowa. This award is just one of the ways we enjoy honoring the hard work and dedication of exceptional teachers in our state,” said Dr. Chris Nelson, president and CEO of Kemin Industries and STEM Council co-chair. “These teachers deserve recognition for preparing today's students to become tomorrow's workforce, which includes an abundance of STEM opportunities.”

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies, and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain the state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 47-member STEM Council is chaired by Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Kemin Industries President and CEO Dr. Chris Nelson. For more information, visit www.IowaSTEM.gov.

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