



**MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION
2003 NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARDS
FACT SHEET - Iowa**

The Awards

The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards provide recognition and unrestricted financial awards of \$25,000 each to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other specialists who are furthering excellence in our nation's schools. This year, a total of \$2.5 million in Awards will be presented to some of America's finest K-12 educators.

**National
Notifications**

From October 7-17, 100 exceptional educators – nominated without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's department of education – will be surprised with the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which they can use in any way they choose. Typically, these announcements are made during emotional assemblies held at each recipient's school, and are attended by students, peers, local and state officials, and the media.

**Important
Statistics**

National

- \$2.5 million to be awarded in 2003-2004
- 47 participating states in 2003-2004
- 100 recipients in 2003-2004
- 1,977 recipients since inception
- \$46.9 million in awards since inception

Iowa

- \$50,000 to be awarded in Iowa
- 2 Iowa recipients in 2003
- 41 recipients since program began in Iowa
- \$1,025,000 awarded in Iowa since program began

History

The Milken Educator Awards program was established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985. The first Awards were presented in 1987.

Iowa joined the Milken Educator Awards Program in 1993.

**Milken
National
Education
Conference**

A gathering of educators, policymakers and business leaders working to improve the state of American education, the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference will be held in Washington DC. The Conference includes professional development activities and is highlighted by the celebration of the new Milken Educators and the presentation of their \$25,000 Award checks.

**Milken Family
Foundation**

The Milken Family Foundation was established to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research.