



Technology Education Association of Illinois Awards

The TEAI Awards Program is our way of saying **thank you** to Technology Education professionals throughout Illinois who annually devote time, energy, and sometimes finances to build a strong and exciting technology education curriculum. Awards are handed out annually at the Illinois Technology Education Conference (ITEC) in the fall. Please take time to nominate a deserving candidate for an award at <http://teaininois.org/awards> or send letters of recommendation, including contact information to:

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Description of Awards

Teacher of the Year-----*(award at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels)*

Purpose: This award is an acknowledgment of an outstanding technology teacher who keeps abreast of developments in technology education and uses this knowledge to constantly upgrade classroom curriculum or activities. This individual is also active in professional organizations, and maintains a positive rapport with students, faculty, administration, and the industrial community. Eligible teachers will have completed more than 5 years of teaching experience.

Program of the Year-----*(award at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels)*

Purpose: This award is an acknowledgment of a superior technology education program which provides fundamental knowledge about the development of technology, its effect on people, the environment and culture, and draws its instructional contents from one or more of the following systems: communication, energy utilization, production/manufacturing, and transportation.

Administrator of the Year

Purpose: This award is an acknowledgment of an outstanding administrator of technology education who has given years of service to his/her profession by contributing publications, presentations, and leadership at the local, state, and national levels.

New Teacher of the Year

Purpose: This award is an acknowledgment of an outstanding “new” teacher who is providing their students the most current curriculum available and staying professionally active so personal growth continues. Eligible teachers should have no more than 5 years of teaching experience to be considered for this award.

IDEA R. Tim Phillip Award

Purpose: Every fall the Illinois Design Educators Association solicits nominations for selection of one of the best Illinois drafting educators. The tradition and award began in 1989 after the IDEA’s sudden loss of fellow drafting educator R. Tim Phillip to cancer. Tim would be proud to know that he received this award posthumously (*) in 1989 from the IDEA membership, just as those who have received it have been proud to follow his lead. Thank you Tim, and thank you to all the IDEA members who take the time to nominate one of their own!

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