

ACS Division of Chemical Education Midwest
Award for Excellence in High School Teaching in
Memory of John E. Bauman Jr.
2026 Nomination Portfolio Check List

The following items are required components for a Nomination Portfolio. Please check each item contained in the portfolio. This list, submitted by the nominator, will serve as the cover to every submitted portfolio.

- Nominator Information Form;
- Nominee Information Form;
- Nominator Recommendation Letter of no more than 750 words;
- Nominee's Statement on Teaching Philosophy of no more than 500 words:
This statement of teaching philosophy should reflect specific examples of how one teaches chemistry. It should explain what is considered to be effective teaching strategies as well as discuss philosophy on teaching.
- Nominee's Current CV:
A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years. The scoring rubric is attached to help the nominees to craft their submission package.
- Letters of Support (no more than 750 words):
One must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor.

Up to two additional letters of support may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents of former students.

Nominator's

Name: _____

Date: _____

NOMINATION FORM

THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION MIDWEST REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING IN MEMORY OF JOHN E. BAUMAN JR.

Due: Friday May 29th, 2026

Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or current students, may nominate or support *only* one nominee during any given award year. Submit to Midwest Board Awards Chair, Dr. Jetty Duffy-Matzner via email duffy@augie.edu as an attachment.

The award will be presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the ACS, which will be held on **October 25 (Sun) -27 (Tues) 2026** at Kansas State University, Manhattan KS. The award recipient must attend the awards ceremony to receive the award.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee	

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
School:	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Website:	

- Give your current teaching assignment including course titles and grade levels. What is your involvement in extracurricular activities, please highlight science related activities.

- On a separate sheet, provide a statement of not more than 500 words in which you present your teaching philosophy or otherwise describe your commitment to the profession. Also please include specific examples as methods or strategies that you use to effectively communicate and teach chemical concepts.

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RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT OF NOMINATOR

Submit a narrative statement of no more than 750 words that describes and comments upon the following:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching. Please provide evidence of effective methods of presenting the material and communicating the science;
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science with students by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement with professional societies, activities that involve the STEM fields should be highlighted.

THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION MIDWEST REGION AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING SCORING RUBRIC

Nominee Name:				
Complete Packet of Materials		Yes	No	
Nominator information Form	Required			
Nominee Information Form	Required			
With Administrator signature	Required			
Recommendation No. One from Nominator	Required			
Recommendation No. Two from School	Required			
Recommendations No. Three and/or Four	Optional			
Nominee Philosophy	Required			
Nominee Resume or Vitae	Required			
Met the Deadline for MWRM	Required			
Recommendations One and Two (Maximum of 26 pts or 60%)	Excellent 6 pts	Good 4 pts	Fair 2 pts	Poor 0 pt
Effective teaching				
Inspiring and challenging students				
Extracurricular work within the last five years with students (science clubs etc)				
	Much 4 pts	Some 3 pts	Little 2 pts	None 0 pt
Self improvement in profession within the last five years				
Active involvement in professional group within the last five years				
Nominee Essay (Maximum of 12 pts or 28%)	Excellent 12 pts	Good 8 pts	Fair 4 pts	Poor 0 pt
Philosophy of Education is clearly stated and evidence of its use in the classroom				
Teaching Awards (Maximum of 2 pts or 5%)	District or higher 2 pts	Local 1 pt		
Memberships (Maximum of 3 pts or 7%)	Yes 1 pt	No 0 pt		
Division of Chemical Education				
American Chemical Society				
American Association of Chemistry Teachers				
State Science Teachers Association				
Chemistry Honorary Society				
National Science Teachers Association				
Other-_____				
Maximum 43 pts or 100%				