



KAWSE Recognition Award

KAWSE is pleased to issue a request for nominations for the KAWSE Recognition Award. The KAWSE Office works to increase the participation, retention and advancement of all students, faculty, researchers, and staff in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Purpose of Award

This award honors exceptional efforts undertaken by a K-State faculty or staff member to enrich the lives of those in STEM disciplines. Recipients will be recognized with an engraved plaque and a \$500 award.

Eligibility

Any K-State faculty or unclassified professional staff member is eligible for the award.

Deadline for Nominations

All nomination materials are **due by 5pm on Friday, February 6, 2026**, and should be sent to kawse@ksu.edu with the subject line “Nomination for KAWSE Recognition Award.”

Criteria for Nomination

Evidence of demonstrated exceptional efforts to enhance people’s lives in STEM may include, but is not limited to, two or more of the following:

- Outstanding contributions to KAWSE’s GROW, EXCITE, SUCCEED, or ADVANCE programs
- Development of new, innovative, and inclusive programs in STEM
- Maintenance of current engagement programming in STEM
- Development of activities that support partnerships across programs to include STEM programs
- Published research on increasing engagement in STEM

Nomination Process

Any K-State faculty or unclassified professional staff member may self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague, department head or other administrator. The nomination must include information

on how the individual has enriched the lives of those in STEM disciplines. Nominations will be reviewed by a screening committee. Individuals who have previously received this award will generally not be eligible for a subsequent award within a three-year time period.

Contents of Nomination Packet

- Letter of nomination describing in detail why the nominee is deserving of the award (maximum of two pages)
- Relevant materials, such as published research, program or activity descriptions

Time Frame

Beginning of December – call for nominations on ADVANCE listserv & in K-State Today

February 3rd, 2026 – nomination materials due to kawse@k-state.edu. Subject line should read “Nomination for KAWSE Recognition Award”

February/March – review of materials by KAWSE Award Screening Committee

End of March – announcement of KAWSE Award recipient

May – honoree recognized at the K-State All-University Awards Ceremony

For more information, contact

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