

Learning Forward Kansas

21st Century Skills Professional Development Award

Deadline for submission for award: January 15

Learning Forward Kansas wants to recognize those who effectively implement 21st Century Skills in their professional development program. This award could be for a building or district.

You can apply—

- Complete this form.
- Answer the questions listed at the end of this application—all 5!
- Submit technology-based evidence (such as a video, podcast, PowerPoint, multimedia presentation, etc.) that showcases your 21st Century Skills professional development.

Send the above items by January 15 to:

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Please limit your answers to two pages, 12 pt. font size.

Please note: Without evidence, we will not accept the application for consideration.

Up to two schools will be recognized for exemplary honors at the LF KS Leadership Conference. *(You do not need to be present at the conference in order to receive the award.)Your technology evidence may be on display or viewed at the conference.*

Those exemplary winners will each receive:

- A certificate of recognition
- A plaque announcing the award
- A one-year building/agency membership in LF KS
- Two registrations at the LF KS learning opportunity

Please circle the type of award:

Building

District

Name _____ Title/Position: _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
School/District _____

Direct any questions concerning this application to Ben Smith, bsmith@abileneschools.org

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Learning Forward's purpose is that "Every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves." Please provide brief, but descriptive responses to the following questions considering how the Learning Forward strategic priorities (Affecting the Policy Context, Examining the Evidence, Documenting the Evidence, Narrowing the Achievement Gap, Developing School Leaders, and Engaging Thought Leaders) are being implemented in your school.

Content:

- a. How does your professional development program focus on 21st century skills and content as defined by the KSDE 21st Century Profiles? www.ksde.org/learn21
- b. How does your professional development program take advantage of 21st century tools such as real world, rich media examples, video clips, interactives, Web 2.0 tools, and other various multiple media?

Context:

- a. How does your program highlight ways educators can seize opportunities for integrating 21st century tools and teaching strategies into their practice?

Process:

- a. How do you provide work embedded support and follow-up experiences to sustain your endeavors?
- b. How do you encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration among all participants?