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**Iowa STEM Council and Kemin Industries Announce Opening of Nominations for Educator Award**  
*Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 Iowa STEM Teacher Award*

**DES MOINES, IOWA** – The [Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council](#) is again partnering with [Kemin Industries](#) for the ninth year of the Iowa STEM Teacher Award. Nominations opened August 21, 2022, and will be accepted through Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

The Iowa STEM Teacher Award recognizes one full-time, licensed PreK-12 teacher from each of the state's six STEM regions whose passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) motivates their students to develop a lifelong interest in STEM fields—both in and out of the classroom. The six selected recipients will each receive an award of \$1,500 for their classrooms and \$1,500 for personal use.

“Iowa's teachers of STEM are the front line of talent development steering young people to rewarding, high-demand careers that await across Iowa,” said Jeff Weld, executive director of the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. “That makes teachers Iowa's most important workforce developers toward a strong Iowa economy, and for that we are grateful to each and every one of them. For that reason, we're proud to partner with Kemin Industries to recognize six exemplary representatives each year.”

Any individual can nominate a teacher by visiting [iowastem.org/teacheraward-application](http://iowastem.org/teacheraward-application) and completing the nomination form by Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Following nominations, eligible educators will fill out an application for review by a panel of judges. The award recipients will be announced in early 2023.

“An excellent teacher has been the impetus for many of our employees entering STEM fields and taking on careers at Kemin, and we are thrilled to recognize these outstanding educators for the life-changing work they do,” said Dr. Chris Nelson, president and CEO of Kemin Industries. “By shaping curious young minds and inventive spirits today, these teachers are preparing a competent, critical-thinking and imaginative workforce that will be well-prepared to face a rapidly changing future. We are deeply grateful for their role in helping find solutions to tomorrow's challenges, and proud to recognize their efforts.”

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### **About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council**

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 62-member STEM Council is co-chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Foundation Analytical Laboratory Owner and Director of Technical Services Diane Young. For more information, visit <https://iowastem.org>.

### **About Kemin Industries**

**Kemin Industries** ([www.kemin.com](http://www.kemin.com)) is a global ingredient manufacturer that strives to sustainably transform the quality of life every day for 80 percent of the world with its products and services. The company supplies over 500 specialty ingredients for human and animal health and nutrition, pet food, aquaculture, nutraceutical, food technologies, crop technologies, textile, biofuels and animal vaccine industries.

For over half a century, Kemin has been dedicated to using applied science to address industry challenges and offer product solutions to customers in more than 120 countries. Kemin provides ingredients to feed a growing population with its commitment to the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products.

Established in 1961, Kemin is a privately held, family-owned-and-operated company with more than 3,000 global employees and operations in 90 countries, including manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Italy, San Marino, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.