



Anti-Defamation League®

# 2015 Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award

To recognize and reward Region IV educators who develop and/or implement exemplary programs to heighten awareness of and respect for diversity

## Who Are We?

The **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)** was founded in 1913 "...to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all..." The ADL is an international non-profit organization dedicated to defending our country's democratic ideals, safeguarding civil rights, confronting anti-Semitism and protecting the rights of all religious, racial and ethnic groups.

## Why An Award?

ADL's years of experience working with schools have shown that **educators are crucial to promoting the understanding and appreciation of diversity**. Therefore, we wish to reward the efforts of those who nurture mutual understanding and respect in our increasingly diverse school populations, and challenge their students to question stereotypes and confront hate in all of its forms.

## Walter Kase

**Walter Kase**, a Polish-born Holocaust survivor, spent the years from 1939-1945 in five different concentration camps. Today, Walter speaks to youth, educators, and community leaders throughout the state about the dangers of prejudice and bigotry and the importance of love, respect, and understanding. We are honored to name our Teacher Excellence Award after Walter, a man who has done so much to promote respect for all people.

## Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award

The **Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award** pays tribute to three Region IV educators for their outstanding efforts to create an atmosphere in our schools that rejects prejudice and regards diversity as a strength. Each recipient of the award will receive:

- **A \$500 stipend**
- **An engraved plaque**
- **One full-day ADL A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute workshop**

A luncheon will be held in May to honor the recipients.

## Who Are We Looking For?

The ADL is looking for teachers, administrators and student support service staff members who have developed and/or implemented programs that:

- **Emphasize the value of diversity by making it an integral part of the curriculum.**
- **Challenge students to question stereotypes and examine their own prejudices and those of society.**
- **Empower students to reject hate in all of its forms.**

## Criteria For Application

Applicants must have developed programs and/or implemented creative strategies that promote understanding of and respect for diversity. Programs may include, but are not limited to issues of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, nation of origin, language, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status and education.

- **Applicants must currently be employed in a public, private or parochial school in Region IV (PreK-12).**
- **Applicants must be willing to share their teaching strategies with others.**
- **Applicants may be either self-nominated or nominated by others.**
- **Applicants must include two letters of recommendation. One must be from a supervisor.**



## *2015 Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award Application*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of Service in Education:** \_\_\_\_\_

To complete this application, please submit **four** copies of the following:

**1. Program Abstract:**

A summary statement of the program and its target audience.

**2. Program Description:**

A one to two page detailed description.

**3. Personal Statement:**

A brief explanation of the impact the program has had on your students and school.

**4. Recommendations:**

Statements from two people who have observed or participated in the program. One must be from a supervisor.

**Send completed application to:**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 3, 2015 (must be received in office)**