

Ginger Rudeseal Carter Miller Teacher of the Year Competition 2026

Small Programs Interest Group of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

SPIG is seeking applications for the annual Ginger Rudeseal Carter Miller Teacher of the Year competition.

The award, named for a former SPIG president and long-time group proponent, honors a SPIG member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and advising.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 24, 2026, and those interested can be nominated or can apply. Only members of SPIG are eligible (the current SPIG head, vice head and past winners are not eligible). Applicants can apply to be new members of SPIG, though.

Applicants should submit the following materials:

1. One letter of recommendation from a former student with the names, email addresses and phone numbers of two other possible former student references.
2. One letter of recommendation from a colleague or former colleague with the names, email addresses and phone numbers of two other possible references.
3. Evidence of teaching and advising excellence. These must include:
 - A 500-word statement of your teaching philosophy;
 - Two course syllabi;
 - Two examples of class assignments, such as a project, test or exercise;
 - Two formal teaching evaluations by students, as professionally administered by the applicant's institution under conditions of student anonymity representing two courses;
 - A curriculum vitae (no more than eight pages).

These nomination packets must be emailed to: SPIG Second Vice Head Tamara J. Welter at **tamara_welter@baylor.edu**.

The winner will be chosen and announced by Friday, May 22, 2026 and honored in August at the SPIG luncheon at the annual AEJMC convention.