



## Keller ISD Education Foundation Lisa Veitenheimer Memorial Award

The Lisa Veitenheimer Memorial Fund is presenting up to five \$250.00 awards through the Keller ISD Education Foundation. With more than 20 years as a veteran classroom teacher and described by many as an ‘inspiration’, Lisa Veitenheimer had a passion for education and a gift for inspiring others. Over the past several years of her life, she spent her time tutoring children, mentoring first-year teachers and working with the Keller ISD Education Foundation. She died in April 2009 after an illness. She was married to Keller ISD Superintendent James Veitenheimer. When they moved from Canyon, Texas to Keller in 2004, one of the first things Lisa did was champion the Keller ISD Education Foundation. It was her dream and goal that the foundation begins raising funds to award teaching grants that enhanced education and creativity in the classroom.

### **Guidelines & Eligibility – for first year teachers:**

- has displayed and demonstrated leadership qualities
- is committed to the district’s services, missions and goals
- displays creativity and innovation in their teaching abilities
- has gained respect and is recognized as a quality teacher by their peers
- has potential skills to make a difference in a child’s life and in the classroom
- employed by the Keller ISD as of 9/1/09 as a new teacher, one that has never taught prior to the current year

### **Data and Selection Requirements for those who nominate:**

- Peers, mentors, principals or administration personnel
- Must have campus principal approval
- Complete application (attached) in full
- Submit an essay in 200 words or less briefly describing the potential nominee, stating why this person deserves this award
- Must be postmarked no later than, April 2, 2010 to:

**Lisa Veitenheimer Memorial Committee  
Keller ISD Education Foundation  
PO Box 101  
Keller, Texas 76244**

The intent and use of the funds/award is to be expended by ways of curriculum or professional development. The award will be presented to the recipient at the KISD Education Foundation’s annual awards and grants dinner in May. The funds will include a letter of congratulations and a request for a brief statement that shares his or her feedback of how the funds were used and/or impacted the classroom.

*We could learn a lot from crayons;  
Some are sharp, some are pretty,  
Some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors  
But...they all exist very nicely in the same box.*

