

## Background

**The William J. Kreidler Award** was created in 2007 by the Association for Conflict Resolution's Education, Research and Training Section in honor of William J. Kreidler who was a recognized conflict resolution educator.

Conflict resolution programming began in the early 1970's with the work of Quaker organizations in New York and Philadelphia. William J. Kreidler was a Quaker and educator who became interested in conflict resolution in the early 1980's. His first publication for schools titled "Creative Conflict Resolution" was published in 1984 and "Adventures in Peacemaking" in 1995. Bill's work and life inspired all who knew him.

Peer mediation was introduced in American schools in the 1980's and so was the National Association of Mediation in Education. Since then, several hundred schools instituted peer mediation programs. The Center of Education Statistics reported that during the school year 2005-06 "student involvement in resolving student conduct problems" occurred in 55.6% of public schools. This category included "conflict resolution and peer mediation, and student court". Since the '80's many members of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) and alike have received education or training in conflict resolution in elementary/secondary school and others in college/university with many having achieved degrees.

William J. Kreidler of Cambridge Massachusetts was a Quaker, curriculum writer (primarily for early education), and a beloved educator. During AIDS illnesses, Bill primarily focused on works in forgiveness. Bill's inspiration for this work was that his long-time partner had not disclosed that he had HIV to Bill who suffered its ultimate consequences. William was an active member of The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR).

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**William J. Kreidler Award**  
**for Distinguished Service to expanding knowledge in the field of Conflict Resolution**  
**Presented by The Association for Conflict Resolution's Education, Research and Training Section**

Outline by the Education, Research and Training Committee

Established in 2007 by the Education Section of the Association of Conflict Resolution (ACR), the William J. Kreidler Award is given to a person who has engaged in education, research, teaching or writing and whose work has advanced the field of conflict resolution.

If you would like to nominate someone who you feel deserves this special acknowledgment, please complete the contact form at <http://acreducation.weebly.com/kreidler-award.html> with your email, note The William J. Kreidler Award, the name and contact information of the individual that you wish to nominate, the contribution that they have made along with the reasons for making your nomination.

Eligibility: Educators, trainers, researchers, authors, and scholars in the field of conflict resolution. Awards may go to an individual or a partnership team (*see award details*).

Contribution: By contribution, we mean "a form of education, training, research, teaching, or writing that results in individual ability, group capacity, or public knowledge of conflict resolution."

Criteria:

1. The contribution benefits the knowledge, skills, or aptitude of individuals, schools, communities, society and/or association for conflict resolution;
2. The contribution is created and sustained through use by practitioners, schools, associations, and communities;
3. The contribution is communicated through publication, academic presentation, community presentation and/or public use; and
4. The contribution creates, applies, or studies conflict resolution methods or processes and their impacts.

## Award Nomination Details

**The Nominator:** Nominations must state the full legal name and other known names of the person who is making the nomination along with their email address.

**The Name of the Award:** Nominations must state that the nomination is for the William J. Kreidler Award.

**The Nominee:** Nominations must state the full legal name and other known names of the person being nominated for the award along with telephone number and email.

**If a Partnership:** Detail the names of the partners/co-authors, type of partnership or collaboration, length of partnership, and how each or all participated in the outcome.

**Distinguished Contribution:** Summarize the education, research, teaching, or published works and their significant contribution to the field of conflict resolution.

**Lessons, Publications, and Best Practices:** Describe the benefits or impacts that have emerged from this contribution.

**Endorsement:** If nominating self, include one letter of endorsement from a person who is familiar with and supportive of your contribution. If the nominator is not the nominee, the nomination must include the reasons for making your nomination.

**Receipt:** Nominators will receive notice of receipt of their nomination.

**Notice:** Notice of the chosen recipient will be given to the nominator and to the recipient prior to the presentation of the award.

### Recognition

1. An award is presented to the selected recipient that they will keep.
2. Awards are presented at The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Annual Conference President's Luncheon
3. Recipients of the William J. Kreidler Award may be highlighted on the ACR ERT website, in stories of the association, and at the discretion of the award recipient.

### Review Process

A review panel of engaged Association for Conflict Resolution's Education, Research, and Training Section representatives will review the nominations based on the criteria listed above.