Developing a Competitive Teacher Award Application

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Introducing today’s presenter…

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• Past president of the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers
• Past NSTA District I Director
• Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee
Award Programs

• Over 17 awards offered
  – Honoring teachers and students
  – Pre-K – College
Award Applications

• Make sure application is complete.
• Make sure you follow the requirements for font size and margins.
• Sign it!
• Have someone read it over to ensure accuracy.
• Submit your application by the specified deadline.
  – Most deadlines are 11/30
Your Application

Are you planning to apply for an award?

A. Yes, definitely!
B. Maybe
C. No, not this year
Your Application

Have you previously applied for an award?
Use the text box to share which one(s).
Awards in Detail
“Angela” Award

- Recognizes an outstanding middle school female student who has a strong interest in science
- Include an essay, two pages of documentation, letter of recommendation
- Prize: $1000 savings bond
Ron Mardigian Memorial Biotechnology Explorer Award

• Recognizes an outstanding high school teacher who has made biotechnology learning accessible to the classroom
• Teachers in grades 9-12, with 2+ years of experience teaching biotechnology are eligible.
• Include narrative of how you teach biotechnology, summary of one project, vita, letters of recommendation
• Prize: $500, $250 in products, $1000 in expense money
• Additional opportunity to apply for $2K in teacher grant materials from BioRad
Delta Education/Frey-Neo/CPO Science Award

• For excellence in inquiry-based science teaching to recognize and honor three (3) full-time PreK-12 teachers of science who successfully use inquiry-based science to enhance teaching and learning in their classroom

• Include description of your science program and a lab activity

• Prize: $1500 and $1500 in expenses to attend the national conference

Divisions of School Specialty Science
Distinguished Informal Science Award

- Honors one NSTA member who has made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of science education in an informal or nontraditional school setting
- Include an abstract, narrative, and vita
- Prize: $500 and three night’s lodging at the national conference
Distinguished Service to Science Education Award

- Honors NSTA members who, through active leadership and scholarly endeavor over a significant period of time
- Include a vita, abstract, narrative of accomplishments
- Prize: $500 and three nights lodging at the national conference
Distinguished Teaching Award

• Honors NSTA members who have made extraordinary contributions to the field of science teaching
• Include a narrative, vita, lesson plan
• Prize: $500 and three nights lodging at the national conference
Faraday Science Communicator Award

• Recognizes and rewards an individual or organization that has inspired and elevated the public's interest in an appreciation of science
• Include a narrative describing active leadership in science communication, supporting materials, and vita
• Prize: $2500 to attend the national conference on science education
• Recent past winners include: Ira Flatow of Science Friday, WGBH Boston, Anaheim Ducks SCORE Program
Fellow Award

- Recognizes NSTA members who have made extraordinary contributions to science education through personal commitment to education
- Include a vita, letter of support, narrative of accomplishments in teaching, service, or research
- Prize: citation, pin, and one night lodging to attend the national conference on science education
Legacy Award

- Posthumously recognizes long-standing members of NSTA for significant lifelong service to NSTA and contributions to science education
- Include a narrative of their contributions and letters of support
- Prize: $500 in expenses and two night’s lodging to attend the national conference on science education
Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers

• Scholarship provides selected K-12 teachers (up to 25) in their first five years of teaching with funds to attend the annual National Conference on Science Education

• Submit a narrative describing your plans to attend the national conference, resume, most recent college transcript, letter of recommendation

• Prize: $1000 to attend the national conference on science education
Questions about these awards?
Poll

How many years of science teaching experience do you have?

A. 0 – 5
B. 6 – 9
C. 10 – 14
D. 15+
### Your Application

What will make your application stand out?

Use clip art to stamp your answer.

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Wendell G. Mohling Outstanding Aerospace Educator Award

- Recognizes excellence in the field of aerospace education K-12 teachers
- NSTA in partnership with Sally Ride Science and Northrop Grumman Foundation
- Include narrative, supporting material, letter of support
- Prize: $3000, and $2000 in expenses to attend the national conference on science education
Robert H. Carleton Award

- NSTA's highest honor
- Recognizes one individual who has made outstanding contributions to, and provided leadership in, science education at the national level and to NSTA in particular
- Include an abstract, narrative, and vita describing your significant contributions in science education
- Prize: $5000, expense paid trip to the national conference on science education
PASCO STEM Educator Awards

- Recognize excellence and innovation in the field of STEM education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels
- A total of 5 awardees
  - one elementary
  - two middle
  - two high
- Include narrative of how you implement STEM, student examples, one page resume
- Prize: $1,000, $1,500 in expenses, and $2,000 in PASCO products
SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment
Environmental Educator of the Year Award

• Recognizes one outstanding teacher working at the grass roots level to protect and preserve the environment
• Submit a five minute video clip
• Deadline: December 31, 2012
• Prize: $10,000 and an expense paid trip to the national conference on science education and to SeaWorld in Orlando, FL
Shell Science Teaching Award

- Recognizes one outstanding classroom science teacher (K-12) who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school, and community through exemplary classroom science teaching
- Include resume, schedule, narrative
- Prize: $10,000, expense paid trip to the national conference on science education
- Deadline: November 12th
Sylvia Shugrue Award

• Honors one elementary school teacher who has established (or is establishing) an interdisciplinary, inquiry-based lesson plan
• Include narrative, lesson plan, vita
• Prize: $1,000, $500 in expenses to attend the national conference on science education
Vernier Software & Technology Awards

- Recognizes innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld device in the science classroom
- Four levels
  - One elementary
  - Two middle
  - Three high
  - One college
- Include: abstract of program, lab activity or virtual lab activity, vita
- Prize: $1,000, $1,500 in expenses, and $3,000 in Vernier products
Questions about these awards?
Poll

What is the most challenging part of applying for an award?

A. Meeting parameters (years teaching, subject taught, etc.)
B. Writing an effective narrative
C. Getting good letters of support
D. Finding the time to do it
E. Other (share in the chat)
Chat Discussion

How can we get more teachers to apply?
What ideas do you have for spreading the word?

Share your ideas in the chat.
Summary of Awards and Recognitions

- “Angela” Award $1,000 scholarship for 5-8th grade female student
- Ron Mardigian Memorial Biotechnology Explorer Award $500 prize/$1000 towards expenses/$250 of Bio-Rad products (additional $2K grant opportunity)
- Delta Award (3) $1500 prize and $1500 towards expenses
Summary of Awards and Recognitions

- Distinguished Informal Science Award citation/3 nights lodging/$500 towards expenses
- Distinguished Service to Science Award citation/3 nights lodging/$500 towards expenses
- Distinguished Teaching Award citation/3 nights lodging/$500 towards expenses
- Faraday Science Communicator Award plaque/up to $2500 expenses
Summary of Awards and Recognitions

- NSTA Fellow Award citation & pin
- Legacy Award plaque/2 nights lodging/ $500 towards family member expenses
- Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers (25) up to $1000 expenses
- Wendell G. Mohling Aerospace Award plaque/$3000 prize/$2000 expenses
Summary of Awards and Recognitions

- Robert H. Carleton Award citation/$5000 prize/all expense paid trip
- PASCO STEM Educator Awards (5) $1000 prize/$1500 expenses/$2000 PASCO products
- SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Award $10,000 prize/all expense paid trip
- Shell Teaching Award $10,000 prize/all expense paid trip and 2 finalists receive all expense paid trip
- Sylvia Shugrue Award $1000 prize/$500 towards expenses
Summary of Awards and Recognitions

• Vernier Technology Awards (7) $1000 prize/$1500 towards expenses/$3000 of Vernier products

• All expense money is for attendance at the NSTA National Conference Science Education
What other questions do you have?
You can’t win if you don’t apply!

Thank you and have a rewarding school year.
Thanks to today’s presenter!

Marilyn Richardson
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