

## ROBERT H. CARLETON AWARD FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

This is the most prestigious award an NSTA member may receive. The Robert H. Carleton Award recognizes an NSTA member who has made outstanding contributions to and provided leadership in science education at the national level and to NSTA in particular. The award will not be given on the basis of the number of petitions from members, but on the basis of well-recognized contributions clearly beyond those considered adequate for Distinguished Service Awards. The award will be presented only when an individual is identified.

The award consists of a \$5,000 prize; a formal citation; and a freestanding award. The recipient will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Awardees will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet during the NSTA conference.

### ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to longstanding (at least 10 years) NSTA members.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Candidates will have made significant contributions to science education at the national level, including any or all of the following:

- ★ Outstanding leadership and service in NSTA activities,
- ★ Longstanding leadership in a field of science education,
- ★ Degree to which leadership extends to other fields of education,
- ★ Outstanding contributions to the improvement of science curricula,
- ★ Extensive scholarly writing in the field of science education,
- ★ Degree to which writing extends to other fields of education,
- ★ Contributions to science education over a significant period of time, and
- ★ Overall excellence of contributions to NSTA and science education.

### AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

It is the nominator's responsibility to assemble an entry packet, which must include

- ★ An abstract, not to exceed character equivalent of 250 words, that lists the nominee's achievements;
- ★ A narrative, not to exceed character equivalent five pages, describing the outstanding nature of the nominee's contributions. Include specific examples of the nominee's outstanding contributions to various areas of this award. The narrative will be detailed and show why this nominee's activities have been extraordinary;
- ★ A professional vita, not to exceed character equivalent of five pages;
- ★ Three letters of support from individuals and groups who are familiar with the applicant's work. Letters should not exceed three pages each and must accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered. When possible, use letterhead. Make sure letters are signed and dated accordingly. Letters should be written for and refer to the applicant's strengths, accomplishments, and the highlights of his or her teaching or administration methods and experiences that directly connect to the application.

Upon receipt, all applications become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received by December 15, 2017. Use the on-line submission form at [www.nsta.org/awards](http://www.nsta.org/awards) to complete your application. All attachments shall be in pdf format. Questions send e-mail to [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).