

MAITLAND P. SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR NEW TEACHERS

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers 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. Award recipients will be mentored, tracked, and provided with continuing opportunities for meaningful involvement with NSTA and its activities.

AWARD

The award consists of up to \$1,000 to be used to attend the annual National Conference. Recipients will be invited to attend a variety of workshops and presentations that are of particular interest to new teachers at the annual National Conference. Awardees will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet held during the NSTA Conference.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a teacher must have taught less than five years full-time at the time of application and be an NSTA member in good standing, and reside in an NSTA district. To the extent possible, recipients must have been a student member of NSTA as a preservice teacher.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Prepare a character equivalent of up to 750 narrative describing a plan for your attendance at the national conference. Based on the previous year's national conference, specify sessions you would attend (if they are offered again) and how the experience gained would advance your learning and that of your students. (If these sessions are not offered at the national conference, similar sessions should be substituted in order to meet the requirements of conference attendance.)
- ★ A character equivalent of a one page resume
- ★ Most recent undergraduate (and graduate) transcript (student unofficial is acceptable), diploma, or teaching certificate
- ★ Letter of support from mentor, or supervisor
- ★ All attachments shall be in pdf format
- ★ Agree to submit a summary after the conference outlining your experience [to be submitted no later than six (6) weeks after the conference]

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, 2011. Use the on-line submission form at www.nsta.org/awards to complete your application. Questions send e-mail to awards@nsta.org.