

THE SHELL URBAN SCIENCE EDUCATORS DEVELOPMENT AWARD

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This award provides support to outstanding diverse educators in pursuit of professional development, active participation at the NSTA National Conference on Science Education and committees that transitions into leadership roles, and serves to increase the science educator talent pool of minority educators to meet the education work force challenge of the future. The recipients of the Award will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the NSTA Conference.

AWARD:

The award consists of \$1800 to be used to attend the annual NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Recipients will be invited to attend a variety of workshops and presentations that are of particular interest to urban teachers at the annual National Conference. Attend the Shell Awards reception, Recognition at the Teachers Awards Gala, Attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast, Participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, Participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, participate in the NSTA Learning Center throughout the year. Seven awards will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant must be a K-12 science teacher in an urban setting. Classroom science teachers at the elementary, middle or high school level who are part of underrepresented ethnic groups are eligible. Qualifying underrepresented ethnic groups are: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, Hawaiian Natives and natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A narrative describing the applicant's science education experiences, not to exceed 750 words.
- Prepare a character equivalent up to 750 word 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.)
- Agree to submit a follow up summary of national conference experiences within 30 days of NSTA national conference on science education, not to exceed character equivalent 750 words.
- Agree to participate in the NSTA Learning Center throughout the award year.
- Agree to attend the NSTA Teachers Awards Gala, attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast, participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, at the national conference on science education.
- Agree to submit a final report of professional development and growth in May of the following year, not to exceed character equivalent of 750 words.
- Three letters of support with at least one from an education colleague who can describe the merit of the applicant's work in an urban school setting. Letters should not exceed two pages each. Letters of support should accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered.
- A resume or vita, not exceeding character equivalent of two pages, which includes a brief description of your teaching experience, education, and previous awards and recognition.
- All attachments shall be in pdf format.

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.

