

SYLVIA SHUGRUE AWARD FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This award honors one elementary school teacher who has established (or is establishing) an interdisciplinary, inquiry-based lesson plan. The lesson plan will fully reference sources of information and any relevant national science education standards and/or NGSS and benchmarks found in The Atlas of Science Literacy.

The award consists of \$1,000 and up to \$500 to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. The recipient of the Award will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the NSTA Conference.

The winning selection will become part of the NSTA Web site and thus available for use by other elementary teachers and students. Award recipients agree to:

- ★ Correspond by email, and possibly other means, with elementary science teachers to share experiences and information related to lessons selected
- ★ Encourage students to share their work on the project with children in schools around the world, via Internet and other means.
- ★ Cooperate with NSTA as this information is collected in ways designed to improve the teaching of science in elementary school.

ELIGIBILITY:

Elementary school teachers (grades K–6) Applicants must be a full time teacher with a minimum of five years of experience. Must be an NSTA member in good standing.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Excellence in teaching that reflects the national science education standards and/or NGSS is the main criterion for selection of recipients. Among the criteria to be considered by the committee are:

- ★ Effective planning skills as indicated by an interdisciplinary/inquiry-based lesson that includes:
 - a. learning objectives
 - b. procedures
 - c. quality assessment
 - d. samples of student work (limit of 3 pages)
- ★ Ability to motivate & challenge students
- ★ Proper assessment
- ★ Proficiency in science and science education (e.g.. publications, presentations)
- ★ Proper safety procedures employed
- ★ Reflects national science education standards and/or NGSS

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ A narrative describing the nominee's extraordinary science teaching, not to exceed character equivalent 250 words.
- ★ A lesson plan (character equivalent of three pages maximum) meeting the objectives described above.
- ★ Two letters of support from individuals and/or groups who are familiar with the work of the applicant. Letters should not exceed three pages each. Letters of support should accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered
- ★ A curriculum vita, not exceeding character equivalent of five pages, which includes a brief description of your teaching experience 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.