

NSTA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD

PROGRAM SUMMARY

These awards honor NSTA members who, through active leadership and scholarly endeavor over a significant period of time, have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of education in the sciences and science teaching. The number of awards given each year is at the Awards and Recognitions Committee's discretion.

Each award consists of three nights' hotel accommodations and expenses (up to \$500) to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Awardees will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet held during the NSTA conference.

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to current NSTA members only.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Excellence of contributions to NSTA is the main criterion for selection of the recipients. Among the types of outstanding service that are considered by the committee are

- ★ unique or extraordinary accomplishments in science teaching;
- ★ active leadership in science or science education at the local, state, and national level;
- ★ noteworthy scholarly contributions to science education at any level;
- ★ focus of public attention on the need for improvement and better support of science education;
- ★ direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of science education at any level;
- ★ contributions over a significant period of time; and
- ★ overall excellence of contributions.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

- ★ an abstract, not to exceed 250 words, that provides an overview of the nominee's distinguished service;
- ★ a narrative not to exceed five pages, that describes the outstanding nature of the nominee's distinguished service to science education. Provide specific examples of the nominee's service and influence that extends beyond local boundaries, longevity of service over 25 years, and commitment;
- ★ a professional vita, not exceeding five pages, which includes the nominee's service to NSTA;
- ★ 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 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 10, 2020. Use the on-line submission form at www.nsta.org/awards to complete your application. Questions send e-mail to awards@nsta.org.