ANGELA AWARD
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PROGRAM SUMMARY
This award honors one female student in grades 5-8 who is exceptionally involved in and has a strong passion for science. The award has been established in honor of Gerry Wheeler and his outstanding dedication to NSTA and lifelong commitment to science education.

AWARD
The awardee will be honored at the Teachers Awards Banquet at the NSTA National Conference. This award consists of a $1,000 US EE Savings Bond or Canada Savings Bond purchased for the equivalent issue price.

ELIGIBILITY
This award is open to any female student in grades 5 – 8, who is a resident of the United States, US Territories, or Canada, and is enrolled full time in public, private, or home school. NSTA employees, NSTA Board and Council members, award judges and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING
Excellence of involvement or strong connection to science is the main criteria for selection of the recipient.
★ Extent of involvement in and passion for science
★ Evidence of sustained accomplishments or progress/interest in science
★ Evidence that the student’s interest in science has impacted others
★ Quality of support materials

REQUIREMENTS
★ Letter of nomination from teacher, parent, school administrator, or community leader
★ An essay written by the student about her interest and involvement in science (up to 500 words)
★ Student is encouraged to include in essay future aspirations in science
★ Two letters of support from individuals who can give evidence of how the student meets the specific criteria for this award. Letters must not exceed two pages each, and must accompany packet.
★ Up to two pages of support materials are required; e.g. photographs, news articles, science projects, etc…
★ Label each section; number each page

Upon receipt, all applications become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. All material must be in one e-mail, a single pdf file is preferred. Completed applications must be received by November 30 annually.
Send your original application, supporting materials to awards@nsta.org.
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Name__________________________________________ Grade__________________

School____________________________________________________________________

School Address____________________________________________________________________________________________

City__________________________________________________________________________________________ State_________ Zip_________

Telephone (____)__________________ FAX (____)__________________ E-mail __________________________________

Home Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________ State______________ Zip____________

Home Telephone (____)_________________ FAX (____)_________________ E-mail ______________________________

Student’s signature________________________________________ Date _________

Parent’s signature_________________________________________________________________ Date _____________

Name of Nominator________________________________________ Relationship to student _________________

Address_______________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________ State______________ Zip____________

Telephone (____)__________________ FAX (____)__________________ E-mail ______________________________

Nominator’s signature________________________________________ Date ______________

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Send your original application, supporting materials to:
Dr. Gerry Wheeler “Angela” Award
NSTA
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000

Questions? Please visit our website at www.nsta.org/faraday or e-mail awards@nsta.org.
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CHECKLIST

Occasionally we receive entries that are incomplete or in which the applicant did not follow the specified guidelines. Entries that do not follow the stated rules for submission are disqualified, regardless of the merit or innovation of the entry. Make sure you and a colleague review the checklist below before sending in your application so you can ensure that your efforts will not be disqualified. Ensure that your application communicates the information you intend. Don’t forget to check for correct spelling. All written components should be typed and double spaced, on standard 8-1/2” x 11” white paper, with 1” margins. The font is a standard 12-point size or larger. If you have questions regarding your application, please e-mail awards@nsta.org.

Complete the list and attach it to your application. Entry includes

- Letter of nomination from teacher, parent, school administrator, or community leader
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Please be advised that you may apply for more than one award; however, you are eligible to win only one NSTA award per year. Each application must be based on a unique program and process. Submission of the same idea and materials to different NSTA award programs will result in the disqualification of all applications. If your idea or project has received an NSTA award in the past, that idea or project is not eligible to receive an additional award.

If you are selected to receive an award, NSTA must request and receive your social security number to issue a 1099 form to you. If your program is currently grant funded, confirm that you, as an individual, are eligible to receive a cash award. Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of NSTA. If you have received an award for this project from another provider, you must notify NSTA.

If your application is selected to receive an award, NSTA reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/other content in promotional materials and on the NSTA website. By submitting materials that contain images of students and other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to NSTA.
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Angela Award
Official Scoring Guide

Name: __________________________________________

Home: ________________________________________ City/State: ___________________________

Grade: __________________________ (grade 5-8)

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Judge: __________________________________________ Date: ___________________________