Robert H. Carleton Award
for National Leadership in the Field of Science Education

Program Summary
This is the most prestigious award an NSTA member may receive. The Robert H. Carleton Award recognizes an NSTA member who has made outstanding contributions to and provided leadership in science education at the national level and to NSTA in particular. The award will not be given on the basis of the number of petitions from members, but on the basis of well-recognized contributions clearly beyond those considered adequate for Distinguished Service Awards. The award will be presented only when an individual is identified.

The award consists of a $5,000 prize; a formal citation; and a formal trip. The recipient will also receive an all-cvncal paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Awardees will be honored at the Awards Banquet during the NSTA conference.

Eligibility
This award is open to longstanding (at least 10 years) NSTA members.

Criteria for Judging
Candidates will have made significant contributions to science education at the national level, including any or all of the following:
★ Outstanding leadership and service in NSTA activities,
★ Longstanding leadership in a field of science education,
★ Degree to which leadership extends to other fields of education,
★ Outstanding contributions to the improvement of science curricula,
★ Extensive scholarly writing in the field of science education,
★ Degree to which writing extends to other fields of education,
★ Contributions to science education over a significant period of time, and
★ Overall excellence of contributions to NSTA and science education.

Award Submission Requirements
It is the nominator’s responsibility to assemble an entry packet, which must include
★ An abstract, not to exceed 250 words, that lists the nominee’s achievements;
★ A narrative, not to exceed five pages and signed by the nominee, describing the outstanding nature of the nominee’s contributions. Include specific examples of the nominee’s outstanding contributions to various areas of this award. The narrative will be detailed and show why this nominee’s activities have been extraordinary;
★ A professional vita, not to exceed five pages;
★ 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 the applicant’s strengths, accomplishments, and the highlights of his or her teaching or administration methods and experiences that directly connect to the application;
★ A completed NSTA Awards and Recognitions Committee Suggestions and Checklist; and
★ Label each section and number each page.
ROBERT H. CARLETON AWARD FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

Name___________________________________________ NSTA Member #__________ Title ____________________

Affiliation  _______________________________________________________________________________________

Work Address  _______________________________________________________________________________________

Address  ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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

Home Address  _______________________________________________________________________________________

Home Telephone (____)__________________ FAX (____)__________________ E-mail ________________________________

Signature________________________________________________________ Date ____________________

Nominator's Name  __________________________________________________________________________________

Home Address  _______________________________________________________________________________________

Home Telephone (____)__________________ FAX (____)__________________ E-mail ________________________________

Signature________________________________________________________ Date ____________________

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.

Questions? Please visit our website at www.nsta.org/carleton or e-mail awards@nsta.org.
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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. Each entry includes:

- A completed application form signed by nominee and the nominator;
- Abstract not exceeding 250 words;
- Narrative not exceeding five pages;
- 3 letters of support;
- Professional vita, not to exceed five pages;
- Label each section and number each page.

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.
**NSTA AWARDS – 2015-16**

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**Official Scoring Guide**

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