

## 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;
- ★ a completed NSTA Awards and Recognitions Committee Suggestions and Checklist; and
- ★ label each section and number each page.

Upon receipt, applications become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned to applicants. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. All material must be in one envelope. Completed applications must be received by November 30.

## NSTA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NSTA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your original application and supporting materials to**

Distinguished Service to Science Education Award

NSTA

1840 Wilson Boulevard

Arlington, VA 22201-3000

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Questions? Please visit our website at [www.nsta.org/distinguishedservice](http://www.nsta.org/distinguishedservice) or e-mail [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).

## NSTA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD 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](mailto:awards@nsta.org).

### **Complete the list, sign it, 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;
- application is bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip (no presentation binders); and
- 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.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# NSTA AWARDS – 2011/12

## Distinguished Service to Science Award

### Official Scoring Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
Unique or extraordinary accomplishments in science teaching.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Active leadership in science and science education. (local, state, and/or national levels)	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Noteworthy scholarly contributions to science education at any level.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Focusing of public attention on the need for improvement and better support of science education.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of science education at any level.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Contributions over a significant period of time.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Overall excellence of contributions.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
<b>ENTRY PACKET</b>							
250 word abstract	1	2	3	4	5	1	
narrative	1	2	3	4	5	1	
vitae	1	2	3	4	5	1	
3 letters of support (limit 3 pages for each letter)	1	2	3	4	5	X 3	
completed A&R Checklist (if mailed)	1	2	3	4	5	1	

<b>Total</b>	
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**Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_