

MAITLAND P. SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR NEW TEACHERS

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers provides selected K-12 teachers (up to 25) in their first five years of teaching with funds to attend the annual National Conference on Science Education. Award recipients will be mentored, tracked, and provided with continuing opportunities for meaningful involvement with NSTA and its activities. Priority will be given to applications from NSTA Student Chapters that have been in existence and active for at least two years.

AWARD

The award consists of up to \$1,000 to be used to attend the annual National Conference. Recipients will be invited to attend a variety of workshops and presentations that are of particular interest to new teachers at the annual National Conference. Awardees will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet held during the NSTA Conference.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a teacher must have taught less than five years full-time at the time of application and be an NSTA member in good standing. To the extent possible, recipients must have been a student member of NSTA as a preservice teacher.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Submit the completed and signed application form
- ★ Prepare a 500-750 narrative describing a plan for your attendance at the national conference. Based on the previous year's national conference, specify sessions you would attend (if they are offered again) and how the experience gained would advance your learning and that of your students. (If these sessions are not offered at the national conference, similar sessions should be substituted in order to meet the requirements of conference attendance.)
- ★ Resume
- ★ Most recent undergraduate (and graduate) transcript (student unofficial is acceptable)
- ★ Letter of support from mentor, or supervisor
- ★ All correspondence must be in 12 point Times New Roman font or larger
- ★ Agree to submit a summary after the conference outlining your experience [to be submitted no later than six (6) weeks after the conference]
- ★ Label each section; number each page

Upon receipt, applications become 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.

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Name _____ NSTA Member # _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____ E-mail _____

When did you start teaching? Month _____ Year _____

NSTA Student Chapter Name _____ During what year(s) _____

Have you ever attended an NSTA conference before? _____ If so, list year(s). _____

School Population _____ School Type Public Private DoD Urban Rural Suburban

Mentor/Supervisor's Name _____

Phone Number _____

I certify that the applicant is a full-time classroom teacher at the above referenced school, and the program described herein has existed for one year or more and is ongoing. I fully support the submission of this application.

Mentor/Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Send your original application and supporting materials to:

Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers

NSTA

1840 Wilson Boulevard

Arlington, VA 22201-3000

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

By signing, I attest that I have read and understood the guidelines for this award, and agree to comply as specified herein. Further, that the ideas reflected in this application are original to me and have not been previously published and/or offered for publication.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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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. Make sure your application is bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip (no presentation binders). If you have questions regarding your application, please e-mail awards@nsta.org.

Complete the list, sign it, and attach it to your application. Each entry includes

- a completed Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers application form signed by you and your mentor/supervisor;
- a 500–750 narrative describing the plan for your attendance at the conference;
- resume;
- one letter of support from a mentor/supervisor who is familiar with the work of the applicant;
- most recent undergraduate (and graduate) transcript;
- five (5) copies of the completed application;
- application is bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip (no presentation binders); and
- Agree to submit a summary after the conference outlining your experience [to be submitted no later than six (6) weeks after the conference];
- Label each section; number each page.

If you are selected to receive an award, NSTA must request and receive your social security number to issue a 1099 form to you. Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of NSTA.

If your application is selected to receive a scholarship, 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
Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Science
Teachers
Official Scoring Guide

Name: _____
 City/State: _____

Eligibility: _____ School (K-12)
 Years of teaching: _____

Criteria							Score
Completed application with signature.							YES or NO
Resume							YES or NO
Criteria	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
500 -750 word narrative describing a detailed plan for attendance at the National Conference	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Letter of support, up to 3 pages	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Most recent undergraduate college transcript and graduate if applicable (student unofficial is acceptable)	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Total							

Comments: _____

Judge: _____ Date: _____