

ROBERT H. CARLETON AWARD FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE EDUCATION SPONSORED BY DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

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 plaque. The recipient will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Awardees will be honored at the Teacher 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.



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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 _____

Send your original application and supporting materials to

Robert H. Carleton Award for National Leadership in the Field of Science Education
NSTA
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000

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 sent in one envelope. Completed applications must be received by November 30.

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, 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 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 _____



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Official Scoring Guide

Name: _____
 City/State: _____

Criteria	Not Present	Present	Weight	Score			
Completed application with signature.				YES or NO			
The award will not be given on the basis of the number of petitions from members, but on the basis of <i>well recognized contributions clearly beyond those considered adequate</i> for Distinguished Service Citations.				YES or NO			
The award will be given only when an <i>exceedingly worthy individual</i> is identified.				YES or NO			
Criteria	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
The person 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.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Long standing leadership in a field of science education.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Degree to which leadership extends to other fields of education	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Outstanding contributions to the improvement of science curricula.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Extensive scholarly writing in the field of science education.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Degree to which writing extends to other fields of education.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Contributions to science education over a significant period of time.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Overall excellence of contributions to NSTA and science education.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
ENTRY PACKET							
250 word abstract	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
narrative (signed by nominee, description, specific examples, typed, double-spaced)	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
professional vita	1	2	3	4	5	X 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	X 1	
original of complete application packet (if mailed)	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	

Total	
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Comments: _____

Judge: _____ **Date:** _____