

2027

nsta Awards

★ *Recognizing Excellence in Science Teaching and Learning* ★

AWARDS

- Angela Award (Only student award)
- Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers
- Robert E. Yager Exemplary Teaching Award
- Shell Science Teaching Award
- Shell Urban Science Educators Development Award
- Sylvia Shugrue Award

OVER **\$72,000** IN
CASH & PRIZES!

More information at our live webinar:
Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00-8:00pm ET

Application Deadline:

December 18, 2026

Note: All award offerings are contingent upon funding from our sponsors.



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Award Descriptions

Award	Who Can Apply	Award Description
Angela Award	5th-8th grade female science students	\$500 Cash Prize; plaque
Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers	NSTA Members	Certificate; \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the National Conference (if applicable)
Shell Science Teaching Award	K-12 science teachers	Winner: \$10,000 cash prize & an all-expenses paid trip to attend the National Conference (if applicable)
Shell Urban Science Educators Development Award	K-12 urban science teachers in eligible underrepresented groups: African American, Hispanic American, Native American/Alaska native who maintain triable affiliation, Hawaiian natives	Plaque; \$1,800 for expenses to attend the National Conference (if applicable)
Sylvia Shugrue Award	Elementary science teachers	Plaque; \$1,000 cash prize & \$500 for expenses to attend the National Conference (if applicable)
Robert E. Yager Award	K-12 science teachers	Plaque; \$1,000 cash prize & \$1,000 for expenses to attend the National Conference

Yager Award 26-27 eligible Districts:

- II – ME, NH, VT
- IV – NJ, NY, PA
- VIII – KY, VA, WV
- X – IN, MI, OH
- XIV – AZ, CO, UT
- XVII – AK, OR, WA