

THE SHELL URBAN SCIENCE EDUCATORS DEVELOPMENT AWARD

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This award provides support to outstanding diverse educators in pursuit of professional development, active participation at the NSTA National Conference on Science Education and committees that transitions into leadership roles, and serves to increase the science educator talent pool of minority educators to meet the education work force challenge of the future. The recipients of the Award will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the NSTA Conference.

AWARD:

The award consists of \$1800 to be used to attend the annual NSTA National Conference on Science Education. Recipients will be invited to attend a variety of workshops and presentations that are of particular interest to urban teachers at the annual National Conference. Attend the Shell Awards reception, Recognition at the Teachers Awards Gala, Attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast, Participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, Participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, participate in the NSTA Learning Center throughout the year. Seven awards will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant must be a K-12 science teacher in an urban setting. Classroom science teachers at the elementary, middle or high school level who are part of underrepresented ethnic groups are eligible. Qualifying underrepresented ethnic groups are: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, Hawaiian Natives and natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application form with signatures.
- A narrative describing the applicant's science education experiences, not to exceed 750 words.
- Prepare a 500-750 word 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.)
- Agree to submit a follow up summary of national conference experiences within 30 days of NSTA national conference on science education, not to exceed 750 words.
- Agree to participate in the NSTA Learning Center throughout the award year.
- Agree to attend the NSTA Teachers Awards Gala, attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast, participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, at the national conference on science education.
- Agree to submit a final report of professional development and growth in May of the following year, not to exceed 750 words.
- Three letters of support with at least one from an education colleague who can describe the merit of the applicant's work in an urban school setting. Letters should not exceed two pages each. Letters of support should accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered.
- Attach a resume or vita, not exceeding two pages, which includes a brief description of your teaching experience, education, and previous awards and recognition.
- All correspondence must be in 12 point Times New Roman font.
- 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 submitted at the same time using the online submission process established for this award. **Completed applications must be received by November 30.**



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Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

The underrepresented ethnic group in STEM I represent is:

Check one:

- African Americans
- Hispanic Americans,
- Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment,
- Hawaiian Natives and natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Does your school receive Title I funding? Yes No If yes, what percentage receive free and/or reduced lunch _____.

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

Urban School Population _____ School Type Public Private

How did you hear about the award? _____

Principal's Name _____

Phone Number _____

I certify that the applicant is a full-time classroom teacher at the above referenced school in an urban setting.
I fully support the submission of this application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Send your original application and supporting materials to
Shell Urban Science Educators Development Award
NSTA
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000



Questions? Please visit our website at www.nsta.org/awards.

THE SHELL URBAN SCIENCE EDUCATORS DEVELOPMENT 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.

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

- A completed Shell Urban Science Educators Development Award application, signed by the applicant and applicant's principal.
- A narrative describing the applicant's science education experiences, not to exceed 750 words.
- A 500-750 word narrative describing a plan for the applicant's attendance at the national conference. Based on the previous year's national conference, specify sessions the applicant would attend (if they are offered again) and how the experience gained would advance the applicant's learning and that of the applicant's 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.)
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- If mailed the application is bound together with a binder clip (no presentation binders), electronic submission is preferred to awards@nsta.org in pdf format.

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 material and on the NSTA website. By submitting material 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. Electronic submission is preferred. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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2014 -2015

Official Scoring Guide

Name: _____

School: _____

City/State: _____

Qualifying Ethnic Minority: __African American __Hispanic American __Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, __Hawaiian Natives and natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

Criteria	Not Present		Present		Weight	Score
Application Form, completed and signed by applicant and principal	No		Yes		1	
Free and reduced lunch	No		Yes		1	
Criteria	Poor	Fair	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
Narrative describing the applicant's science education experiences, not to exceed 750 words	1	2	3	4	X 2	
Plan of attendance at the national conference. Specify sessions would attend and how the experience gained would advance applicant's learning and that of their students. (up to 750 words)	1	2	3	4	X 3	
Letters of Support (three, each two pages maximum)	1	2	3	4	X 3	
Resume or Vita (two page maximum) (may be single spaced)	1	2	3	4	X 1	

Total	
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Comments: _____

Judge: _____ **Date:** _____