

William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award

The William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award has been established to promote and recognize the outstanding teaching of science in grades K-12 by full-time undergraduate and graduate students, and full-time teachers who have completed no more than two years of teaching.

Description of the Award

Each award will consist of: a plaque, a membership in PSTA for a period of two years, beginning January 1 of the year following the convention at which the Award is presented, a free two-day registration for the convention, and a one day/night room and meal package at the convention.

Applicants

Applicants must be:

- (1) undergraduate students who have completed student teaching; or,
- (2) full-time graduate students currently enrolled in academic programs leading to a degree and/or certification in a teaching field; or,
- (3) full-time teachers having a total of no more than two years of teaching experience at any level.

Nomination Process

Applicants must be nominated by a current member of PSTA.

The nominator must complete the required information and submit it to the Awards Committee via the Google Form at <https://bit.ly/PSTAawards>. *Nomination information must be received by June 15th.*

THE APPLICATION PACKET CONSISTS OF:

- Applicant's Resume (2-page maximum)
- Applicant's Data Form
- Applicant's Supporting Information
- Nominator's Data Form
- Nominator's Supporting Information

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APPLICANT'S DATA FORM

Applicant meets the following criteria (please indicate which one):

- ☐ Undergraduate student who has completed student teaching
- ☐ Full-time graduate student in a degree and/or certification program
- ☐ Full-time teacher (K-12) who has completed no more than two years teaching in total

NAME: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
GRADE LEVEL WHICH YOU TEACH: _____
NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER: _____

Nominator:

Printed Name

Signature

Membership Number

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

On a separate piece of paper, describe your science teaching, including but not limited to:

- Knowledge and use of content specific teaching methods;
- Innovative manipulative lessons;
- Motivational techniques;
- Appropriate use of technology;
- Attention to the development of student comprehension;
- Accommodation of varying student abilities;
- Personal goals in science education; and,
- Additional information which you believe will be appropriate for the committee to know.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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NOMINATOR'S DATA FORM

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I am a current member of PSTA and my membership number is: _____

Signature

Date

NOMINATOR'S SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

On a separate piece of paper, describe in 500 words or less the nominee's contribution to science teaching, including but not limited to:

- Mastery of science knowledge;
- Understanding of science processes and attitudes;
- Appropriate grade level lessons that motivate and engage students;
- Use of manipulatives;
- Appropriate use of technology;
- Attention to the development of student comprehension;
- Level of communication skills;
- Rigor of standards in the classroom; and,
- Dedication to teaching.