

Dear _____,

I am requesting permission to attend the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science (NATS) Fall Conference, October 8–10, 2026, at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium. NATS has promoted and supported science education in Nebraska since 1961 and is an affiliate of both the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the National Science Teaching Association. The conference is designed specifically for science educators and includes a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, workshops, and opportunities to collaborate with science teachers from across Nebraska. ([Neb Assoc Teach Sci](#))

Attending this professional development would directly benefit my classroom instruction and our students. The conference provides access to current science education practices, instructional strategies, and resources that can be brought back and implemented in my classroom. In particular, the combination of professional learning sessions and the educational experiences available at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium would provide valuable opportunities to strengthen hands-on, inquiry-based science instruction and connect classroom learning to authentic scientific contexts. NATS identifies professional learning as a key benefit of participation and provides educators with opportunities to build professional learning communities and connections with other science educators. ([Neb Assoc Teach Sci](#))

I believe this conference is a worthwhile investment in my professional growth and, ultimately, in the quality of science education I provide to our students. I will bring back relevant resources, strategies, and ideas from the conference and share applicable information with colleagues so that the benefits extend beyond my own classroom. Supporting participation in a statewide professional learning opportunity such as NATS also demonstrates our school's commitment to continuous improvement and staying current with effective science teaching practices. I respectfully request approval to attend the 2026 NATS Fall Conference and appreciate your consideration of this professional development opportunity. ([Neb Assoc Teach Sci](#))

Thank you for your consideration,

(Your name)