

SYLVIA SHUGRUE AWARD FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This award honors one elementary school teacher who has established (or is establishing) an interdisciplinary, inquiry-based lesson plan. The lesson plan will fully reference sources of information and any relevant National Science Education Standards and benchmarks found in The Atlas of Science Literacy.

The award consists of \$1,000 and up to \$500 to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. The recipient of the Award will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the NSTA Conference.

The winning selection will become part of the NSTA Web site and thus available for use by other elementary teachers and students. Award recipients agree to:

- ★ Correspond by email, and possibly other means, with elementary science teachers to share experiences and information related to lessons selected
- ★ Encourage students to share their work on the project with children in schools around the world, via Internet and other means.
- ★ Cooperate with NSTA as this information is collected in ways designed to improve the teaching of science in elementary school.

ELIGIBILITY:

Elementary school teachers (grades K–6) Applicants must be a full time teacher with a minimum of five years of experience. Must be an NSTA member in good standing.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Excellence in teaching that reflects the National Science Education Standards is the main criterion for selection of recipients. Among the criteria to be considered by the committee are:

- ★ Effective planning skills as indicated by an interdisciplinary/inquiry-based lesson that includes:
 - a. learning objectives
 - b. procedures
 - c. quality assessment
 - d. samples of student work (limit of 3 pages)
- ★ Ability to motivate & challenge students
- ★ Proper assessment
- ★ Proficiency in science and science education (e.g., publications, presentations)
- ★ Proper safety procedures employed
- ★ Reflects National Science Education Standards

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ Completed application form with signature
- ★ A narrative describing the nominee's extraordinary science teaching, not to exceed 250 words.
- ★ A lesson plan meeting the objectives described above, along with examples of student work representative of that lesson. You may attach five (5) digital photographs.
- ★ Two letters of support from individuals and/or groups who are familiar with the work of the applicant. Letters should not exceed three pages each. Letters of support should accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered
- ★ Attach a curriculum vita, not exceeding five pages, which includes a brief description of your teaching experience and previous awards and recognition.
- ★ All correspondence must be in 12 point Times New Roman font.

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. Completed applications must be received by November 30. Electronic submission is preferred. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Name _____ Grade Level _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Have you ever received an NSTA award? _____ If so, list year and award received. _____

Do you have at least five years experience teaching elementary school (K-6)? _____

School Population _____ School Type Public Private DoD Urban Rural Suburban

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Name _____ Phone Number _____

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

Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Send your original application and supporting materials with one copy to
Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers
NSTA
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000

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Questions? Please visit our website at www.nsta.org/shugrue or e-mail awards@nsta.org.

SYLVIA SHUGRUE AWARD FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS 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, sign it, and attach it to your application. Each entry includes

- A completed Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers application form reflecting National Science Education Standards, signed by you and your principal.
- A narrative describing the nominee's extraordinary science teaching, not to exceed 250 words.
- A lesson plan, meeting the objectives described in the criteria for judging, along with examples of student work representative of that lesson.
- Two (2) letters of support from individuals and/or groups who are familiar with the work of the applicant.
- Attach a curriculum vita, not exceeding five (5) pages, single-spaced.
- Application is bound together with a binder clip (no presentation binders).
- Include the completed application.

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.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Name: _____

City/State: _____

Eligibility: _____ **School (K-6)**

Criteria	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
Completed application with signature						Yes or No	
Narrative describing the nominee's extraordinary science teaching - 250 words	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Lesson Plan	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
2 Letters of support, up to 3 pages each	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Vita, up to 2 pages	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Meet proper safety procedures	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Reflect National Science Education Standards	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Grand Total							

Comments: _____

Judge: _____ **Date:** _____