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Nationwide Awards and Recognition Programs for Educators

General Educator Awards

[The Disney Hand Teacher Award](#)

The Disney Hand Teacher Award recognizes full-time teachers in grades pre-Kindergarten through 12 that construct creative learning environments in which students and teachers alike explore, imagine and engage in a variety of thought-provoking experiences. Prize valued at \$10,000-\$25,000. Award sponsored by Walt Disney Company. Application deadline Early January.

[Fulbright Distinguished Awards for Teaching](#)

Fulbright Distinguished Awards for Teaching Program offers educators of varying kinds (including guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, librarians and others) the unique opportunity to take part in an intensive professional development program for several months abroad. US and international K-12 educators with at least five years of full-time teaching experience and a master's degree (or currently enrolled in a master's program). Award includes 3-6 months abroad to take classes at an international university. Award sponsored by America Achieves. Applications open late summer and closes early winter.

[Golden Apple Awards](#)

The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership was the idea of Golden Apple founders Mike and Patricia Koldyke, who felt that excellent teachers did not receive adequate recognition for their contributions to building a stronger, better-educated society. Nominees must be employed teachers (K-12) from the following counties: Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, Boone. Prize is \$500 and the Golden Apple Trophy. Award sponsored by WISH TV/Bailey and Wood Mortgage Lender. Applications accepted year round.

[Milken Educator Award](#)

The criteria for the selection of outstanding elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals as Milken Educators include all of the following: exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective and innovative instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school, exemplary educational accomplishments, and leadership beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession. The Milken Family Foundation looks to recognize individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight. Candidates should be early- to mid-career



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educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership, with an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community. Educators cannot apply and will not be aware they are under consideration. Candidates are sourced through a confidential selection process and then reviewed by blue ribbon panels appointed by state departments of education. Award value \$25,000. Award sponsor Milken Family Foundation.

National Teacher Fellowship

Each year, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) provides a new cohort of State Teachers of the Year with a year-long, one-of-a-kind professional learning and development experience. Their robust program was designed to increase each inspiring educator's leadership skills while celebrating their talents and commitment as extraordinary teachers. Applicants must be chosen as a State Teacher of the Year. Application deadline July 1.

School Ambassador Fellowship Program

PK-12 public school teachers with at least 5 years of teaching experience. Award is a one year fellowship experience as either a Washington Fellow (paid full-time) or a Classroom Fellow (paid part-time). Award sponsored by U.S. Department of Education. Application window typically opens in winter and closes early February.

Teaching Policy Fellowship

Classroom teachers who have two to 10 years of teaching experience and are located in one of Teach Plus' sites. See link for details on application timeline. Selected educators participate in an eight to 12 month fellowship experience and receive a \$1,500 stipend.

Voya Unsung Heroes

The Voya Unsung Heroes program has helped more than a thousand K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects through awards totaling nearly \$5 million. Award is open to All K-12 education professionals. All awards must be used to further the projects within the school or school system. Prize money ranges from \$2,000 to \$25,000. Award sponsored by Scholarship America. The applications are due by April 30 each year.

Art Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award

Has an art teacher, music teacher or drama teacher made a difference in your life? Maybe it was creative writing or poetry. Join us in honoring K-12 art teachers that have made a difference in your life. Winner will receive a \$1,000 cash gift, along with \$500 toward art supplies for their



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classroom. The award winners will be honored at the Annual Russell Sprouts Celebration of Life at the Music Hall of Williamsburg in Brooklyn, New York. Sponsored by Russell J. Efros Foundation. Application deadline is October 31.

National Art Education Association (NAEA) Awards

NAEA members who meet the established criteria are eligible for nomination. NAEA membership is not required for the Distinguished Service Outside the Profession award, the COMC J. Eugene Grigsby award, or the Eisner Lifetime Achievement award. See complete eligibility details in the Awards Program Booklet. There are 25 different awards, see [Program Booklet](#) for more details. Nomination deadline is October 31.

Grades 6-12

AMLE Educator of the Year

The AMLE Educator of the Year (previously known as the Distinguished Educator Award) is an annual award given by the Association for Middle Level Education. This award recognizes outstanding practitioners in middle level education—those who have made an impact on the lives of young adolescents with a significant body of work and have advanced the field of middle level education through leadership, vision, and advocacy. The annual deadline for receipt of nominations is July 15.

History

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Award

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Award awards exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective and innovative instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school. Prize is \$1,000 and an archive of classroom resources. Application deadline is April 30.

Journalism

Ella Sengenberger Adviser of the Year Award

This award recognizes an adviser who has made outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism in the state of Indiana. Their nomination material is also submitted in consideration for one of the following national journalism educator competitions: H.L. Hall National Yearbook Adviser of the Year, JEA Broadcast Adviser of the Year, or Dow Jones News Fund National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. Prize is \$500 and a plaque. Award sponsored by the Indiana High School Press Association (IHSPA). Application deadline is December 15.



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National High School Journalism Teacher Awards Program

National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year Award honors exemplary journalism teachers with three or more years of experience. In addition to a winning teacher, four Distinguished Advisers and several Special Recognition Advisers will be chosen. One student for each Distinguished Adviser will also receive a college scholarship in the amount of \$500. For more information or to obtain an application contact the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund at (609) 452-2820. The winning teacher is invited to present keynote addresses to the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and its scholastic journalism division. The teacher also receives a laptop computer, funding for travel and lodging expenses, a per diem for substitute teacher fees and a stipend to write a quarterly column for the Fund's newsletter. A senior student at the recipient's school also receives a college scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to major in news-editorial journalism based on his or her performance in a writing contest held at their school. Award sponsored by Dow Jones Newspaper Fund. Application deadline Early July.

Language Arts

Donald H. Graves Writing Award

This award recognizes kindergarten through grade six teachers who, through the teaching of writing, demonstrate an understanding of student improvement in writing. The award recipient is presented a certificate and a \$2,000 honorarium at the Elementary Section Get-Together during the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention. Award sponsored by NCTE. For full consideration, all materials must be received by May 1 and sent to elementary@ncte.org.

Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship

The Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship provides funding for professional development experiences for English/language arts teachers in public educational institutions. The purpose of the scholarship is to support postgraduate training to enhance teaching skills and/or career development in teaching. At the time of the award, the recipient must also be a member of NCTE. A \$500 scholarship is awarded once each year. On behalf of the recipient, scholarship payments are issued directly to any of the following: accredited, degree-granting public and private two-year junior and community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and graduate and professional schools. Questions about the scholarship can be emailed to



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NCTEAwards@ncte.org. Scholarship payments may be used toward degree or non-degree courses. Award supported by NCTE. Application deadline is January 31.

High School Teacher of Excellence Award

All state, provincial, regional, and local affiliates are eligible to submit a nomination form along with supporting materials. This award is for recognition only. Each recipient will be recognized with a certificate at the Secondary Section Luncheon during the NCTE Annual Convention. Each recipient will be responsible for purchasing his or her own luncheon ticket and tickets for any guests. Award sponsored by NCTE. Application due date is July 1.

Media Literacy Award

The award showcases NCTE members who have developed innovative approaches for integrating media analysis and composition into their instruction. Award sponsored by NCTE. Applications are due by June 30.

NCTE Outstanding Middle Level Educator in the English Language Arts Award

Exceptional English language arts (ELA) educators who teach in grades 6-8. Individuals must be full-time ELA teachers at the middle school level and have at least five years of experience teaching. Applicants are evaluated based on a variety of factors, including how well they foster student inquiry, how much they utilize scholarship from literature and writing, and how frequently they participate in professional development activities. The award recipient is presented with a plaque and invited to speak at the middle level section luncheon during the NCTE Annual Convention. Applications are due by May 30.

Outstanding Elementary Educator Award

Nominees must have dramatically influenced literacy classroom practice, made ongoing contributions to the field of literacy, obtained national and/or international influence in literacy teaching and learning, and contributed a body of work that is compatible with the mission of NCTE. This is a Recognition Only award. The award is presented virtually at the Elementary Section Get-Together during the NCTE Annual Convention. Award sponsored by NCTE. Applications are due by December 15.

TESOL Teacher of the Year Award

Any English language teacher who has been a classroom teacher for a minimum of three years and is not a previous recipient of this award is eligible to apply. Applicants will be evaluated based on the ability to demonstrate excellence in English language teaching in the broadest sense. Applications should demonstrate candidates' commitment to high quality instruction and



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assessment practices, in addition to the ability to lead, serve, inspire, and positively impact students as well as colleagues and the community. The Teacher of the Year Award also recognizes teachers with a deep commitment to ongoing professional development and issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in language education. Applications are to be submitted between May 15 and July 19. The award is \$1,000, free one-year TESOL membership, free registration for the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo the year of the award, plus 3 nights hotel and round-trip airfare, and a session as an invited speaker at the annual convention, as well as an invitation to the Leadership Luncheon at the TESOL Convention, a profile and a published article in TESOL Connections, and a \$250 voucher for the TESOL Bookstore. Applicants are not required to be members of TESOL. Award sponsored by National Geographic Learning and TESOL. Applications may be submitted May 15 through July 19.

Math

Classroom Grant

Classroom Grants are available to Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Members in grades K-12 with special classroom projects. Increasing student engagement and mathematical understanding must be the goal of the project. Proof of alignment with NCTM and/or Indiana Mathematical Standards, and a building administrator letter of support must be included. Award valued at up to \$500. Award sponsored by ICTM. Applications should be submitted by February 1 or July 1.

Elementary Mathematics Specialist (EMS) Scholarship

Candidates must possess a valid credential to teach elementary school and must have three years of full-time teaching experience. The recipient of the EMS scholarship will receive \$2,000 of funding to enhance their mathematics knowledge, teaching, and leadership by enrolling in university coursework or other training to develop the expertise in becoming an elementary mathematics specialist. Funds should be used to work towards an elementary mathematics specialist certificate or endorsement recognized by a state or local education agency such as a school district. Award sponsored by Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) and Maier Math Foundation. Application deadline June 15.

Excellence in Scholarship Award

The nominee for the Excellence in Scholarship Award should be an active member of the mathematics teacher education community and have at least five years of commitment to mathematics teacher education. The nominee should have made unique contributions to the field of mathematics teacher education. Unique contributions should be considered in the broadest sense possible. The award recipients will receive a plaque and be recognized at the AMTE



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meeting in the year in which he or she receives the award. The winner of this Excellence award will be recognized at the annual AMTE meeting and will give a featured presentation at the AMTE Annual Conference in the year they receive the award. Next award will be given in 2023. Award sponsored by AMTE. The application due date is June 15.

Professional Development Grant

This grant is awarded to schools where local funds are insufficient. It is designed to support the continuing development of teachers. It requires involvement of at least five math teachers, all currently teaching in an Indiana K-12 school with at least one teacher a confirmed current member of the ICTM. A detailed budget is required. The school or corporation must support the grant by contributing a minimum of \$100 directly to the project, or paying a minimum of \$300 in related expenses not covered by grant funds. The award is up to \$2,000. Award sponsored by ICTM. Application due dates are February 1 and July 1.

Rosenthal Prize for Innovation and Inspiration in Math Teaching

This award is used to recognize excellence in hands-on math teaching in upper elementary and middle school classrooms. Through the 2022 Rosenthal Prize for Innovation and Inspiration in Math Teaching, MoMath seeks an exceptional math activity to share with math teachers around the world. The winning activity will be innovative, engaging, hands-on, original, replicable, and designed for students in grades four through eight; however, you do not need to be a middle school teacher to apply. You must be an educator who regularly teaches mathematics, a mathematician, or a person whose primary, full-time career is focused on math outreach. Although you need not teach in a regular school setting, you must be able to demonstrate your lesson with a classroom group of at least eight middle school students, should you be selected as a finalist. The award is \$25,000. Award sponsored by the National Museum of Mathematics. Applications are due by May 15.

Member of NEA

California Casualty Award

The California Casualty Award recognizes early- to mid-career educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership. The California Casualty awardees, selected by their NEA affiliates, represent educators from across the country who embody excellence in their practice, advocacy for the profession, commitment to equity and opportunity, community engagement, and leadership in professional development. Sponsored by NEA. Award is a \$150 stipend from California Casualty to purchase items to enhance classrooms.



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Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence

This award recognizes individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight. 5 awardees are selected from the California Casualty awardees and receive \$10,000. Then one is chosen from the 5 to receive \$25,000. Award sponsored by NEA. Nominations should be received between September and May.

Multilingual

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) National Language Teacher of the Year

The award for The ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year is intended to elevate the status of our profession at the state, regional, and national levels by creating opportunities for recognizing the most accomplished members of our profession. First and foremost, this process is designed to involve all of our state, regional, and national organizations in promoting our profession. Second, it is intended to create as many media opportunities as possible to increase the visibility of the importance of learning languages and cultures to the general public. Successful candidates must be full-time language educators who spend at least 50% of their time in direct teaching during the year of application with an expectation of teaching during the next two years. Each state's foreign language association or other designated state organization is invited to submit to that state's regional language organization a nomination form and accompanying portfolio for one state-sponsored foreign language teacher of the year candidate. All documents must be submitted to your regional organization between December 15 and January 15 (consult regional organizations for specific deadlines). Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL) Daryl Biallas, Executive Director, csctfl.executive.director@gmail.com

Cathy Kinzer Memorial Professional Development Award

The Cathy Kinzer Memorial Professional Development Award has been established to honor Dr. Kinzer for her life-long commitment to equity in mathematics professional development. Applicants must be a member of TODOS by September 1, must be a PK-12 classroom teacher or PK-12 coach supporting mathematics, and must attend the full conference. Prize of \$150 stipend from California Casualty to purchase items to enhance classrooms. Award sponsored by TODOS. Application deadline is March 1.

Fostering Support of Mathematics Learning for Multilingual Classrooms

The proposed project must explicitly support the implementation of equitable and rigorous mathematics teaching that incorporates students' languages and cultures in their learning of



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mathematics. The applicant must have at least one current NCTM member and one current TODOS member who teaches at the school. These memberships must be current at the time of application. Award is up to \$4,000. Award sponsored by TODOS & NCTM. Application deadline November 1.

Iris M. Carl Equity in Teaching Award

The TODOS Iris M. Carl Equity in Teaching Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the quality of mathematics teaching provided to students, in particular to Latinx and/or Indigenous students. The honoree is a mathematics teacher who exhibits commitment to improving the mathematics education for all students and has made, or is making, significant contributions that have impacted equity and advancement for all students. The individual's equity work in mathematics teaching has influenced their school, workplace, community, colleagues, and other teachers, and the impact of the work has been sustained. The recipient(s) will receive a plaque and lifetime membership in TODOS. Application deadline March 1.

Iris M. Carl Leadership Award

The TODOS Iris M. Carl Equity and Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the quality of mathematics education provided to underserved students, in particular to Latinx students. The honoree is a mathematics educator who exhibits commitment to improving the mathematics education for all students and has made, or is making unique contributions that have impacted equity and access for underserved students. The individual's work in improving mathematics has influenced the school, community, leaders and practitioners, and its impact has been sustained. Application deadline March 1.

Music

Grammy Music Educator Award

This award is open to current, full-time educators in the U.S., who teach music in public or private schools, Kindergarten through College. Teachers in after-school, private studios, or other educational settings are not eligible. Teachers who are planning to retire at the end of the current school year are not eligible. Nominations can be made by music teachers, school administrators, students, parents, or recording academy members. Music educator applicants will be evaluated based on the demonstrated evidence that they: Have made a measurable difference in the lives of students, have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education, are exemplars of the best in the field, have shown a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in our schools, and have made a significant impact on their school and



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community. Award sponsored by Grammy in the Schools. Award is \$10,000. Nominations deadline April 15.

Indiana Music Teacher of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates excellence in teaching and service to the music teaching profession and community. Recipients are nominated by current members (individuals and/or local associations) and selected by the Teacher of the Year Chair and State President. Award sponsored by Indiana Music Teachers Association.

Music & Arts Grant from California Casualty

This award will be given to engaging and inspiring educators whose presence motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community. The California Casualty Music & Arts Grant was established to provide support for K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets. Grant award \$250. Application deadline July 2, grant notifications by September 30.

Yamaha "40 Under 40"

Music Educators under 40 are encouraged to apply for the Yamaha "40 Under 40" award. Yamaha launched the "40 Under 40" music education advocacy program in 2021 to recognize and celebrate outstanding young music educators who showcase the following characteristics: action (anticipate what needs to be done and proactively take the necessary steps that lead to a stronger music program), courage (propose and implement new or bold ideas), creativity (show innovation and imagination in achieving plans and objectives) and growth (establish, grow or improve music education in their schools and communities). Award sponsored by Heather Mansell. Application timeline October 1 through November 1.

Reading/Technology

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology

This award honors educators in grades K–12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education. For more information regarding the program or to obtain an application, please contact the International Reading Association at 302-731-600 extension 221, or by e-mail at mcash@reading.org. Award recipients are honored during the International Reading Association (IRA) Annual Convention. One grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 and expenses not exceeding \$2,000 to attend the IRA Annual Convention. Nine additional winners including seven U.S. regional winners (Southeast, Plains, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, West, East, and Great Lakes), one Canadian winner and one international winner will each receive a \$500 monetary award. Application deadline is mid-November.



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Science

[Award for Excellence in Encouraging Equity](#)

This award recognizes efforts by biology educators to encourage, promote and achieve equity in the educational community. The award, including a plaque and an honorarium, is presented to the recipient during the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) National Convention. Award is sponsored by NABT and Science Kit and Boreal Laboratories and the National Association of Biology. Application deadline mid-March.

[DCAT "Making a Difference" Award](#)

This award recognizes excellence in a science program developed and implemented by middle level science teachers in grades 6-8. Entries must demonstrate innovative and effective teaching strategies combined with a science program that has influenced students to explore and investigate science and its application to global problems. In addition to a monetary award in the amount of \$2,500 to be used to enhance or expand the winning science program, the winning school's lead science teacher and principal will be awarded airfare and two night's hotel accommodation to attend NSTA's National Convention. Awarded sponsored by Drug, Chemical and Associated Technologies association. Application deadline mid-October.

[Delta Education/CPO Awards for Excellence in Inquiry-based Science Teaching](#)

This program recognizes three full-time PreK-12 science teachers who successfully use inquiry-based science to enhance teaching and learning in their classroom. Each award winner will receive a monetary award in the amount of \$1,500 and an expense-paid trip not exceeding \$1,500 to attend NSTA's National Convention. Award sponsored by Delta Education LLC. Application deadline mid-October.

[Evolution Education Award](#)

This award recognizes innovative classroom teaching and community education efforts to promote the accurate understanding of biological evolution. The award recipient receives a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000 and additional funds totaling \$1,000 to be applied to travel related expenses to attend the NABT convention. Award is sponsored by Foundation for the Future of Bellevue, Washington. Application deadline early May.



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Exemplary Middle Level and High School Science Teaching Awards

This program recognizes one middle level and one high school teacher who have demonstrated exemplary science teaching in one or more of the following areas: creativity using science teaching materials; design and use of innovative teaching plans and ideas; and development and implementation of department, school or school-community programs that improve science instruction and/or stimulate interest in science and the learning of science. The award winner receives a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000, a one-year membership in NSTA and funding up to \$500 to attend NSTA's National Convention. Award sponsored by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Education Foundation. Application deadline mid-October.

Gustav Ohaus Awards for Innovations in Science Teaching

This award is presented to one science teacher in grades K-12 who has creatively used commercially available films or videotapes to develop a science unit or theme. The award winner receives a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000. Award sponsored by Ohaus Corporation. Application deadline mid-October.

NSTA Space Educator Award

This award is presented to full-time teachers in grades four through 12, who have taught science in a classroom setting not less than 3 years. In addition to a monetary award totaling \$1,000, the recipient will receive funding up to \$500 to attend the NSTA Convention. The recipient is also awarded a full tuition fellowship and airfare to attend the Space Discovery Graduate Course in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Awarded sponsored by Estes Rocketry/U.S. Space foundation. Application deadline mid-October.

NABT Biotechnology Teaching Award

The NABT Biotechnology Teaching Award is presented to a secondary school teacher or undergraduate college faculty member that has implemented an innovative classroom approach that incorporates the principles and processes of biotechnology. Topics eligible for consideration include DNA biotechnology, protein biotechnology and immunology, Advanced Placement biology, medical biotechnology and plant biotechnology. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: innovativeness, scientific accuracy, good laboratory practice and research techniques, benefits to students and ease of replication. The award recipient receives a monetary award in the amount of \$500, a recognition plaque presented during the NABT National Convention and a one-year complimentary NABT membership. Application deadline mid-March.



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Outstanding Biology Teacher Award

The Outstanding Biology Teacher Award program recognizes an outstanding biology educator in grades seven through 12 in each of the 50 states; Washington, DC; Canada; Puerto Rico; and overseas territories. Candidates for this award must have not less than three years teaching experience. A significant portion of the nominee's career must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science. Award recipients are honored at a special event during the NABT National Convention and they receive biology lab equipment, certificates and a complimentary one-year membership from NABT. Award sponsored by NABT. Application deadline early February.

Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Program

This award is given for "exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth Sciences at the pre-college level." Any teacher or other K-12 educator who covers a significant amount of earth science content with their students is eligible. Ten national finalists are selected, one from each NAGT regional section. Some sections also recognize state winners. Individuals may apply themselves or nominate a colleague for the award. Program provided by National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Application deadline March 31.

Outstanding New Biology Teacher Achievement Award

This award honors outstanding biology/life science educators in grades seven through 12 with less than three years teaching experience at the time of nomination. Candidates must have developed an original and outstanding program or technique. The award winner receives a monetary award in the amount of \$500, a recognition plaque during the NABT National Convention and a complimentary one-year NABT membership. Award provided by NABT. Application deadline is mid-March.

Paul W. Zitzewitz Award for Excellence in K-12 Physics Teaching

Funded since 2010 by a generous gift to the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) from Paul W. and Barbara S. Zitzewitz and named for Paul W. Zitzewitz, the principal author of the highly acclaimed and widely adopted high school physics text *Physics: Principles and Problems* and a long-time member and supporter of AAPT, the Paul W. Zitzewitz Award for Excellence in K-12 Physics Teaching recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching K-12 physics. The recipient, an AAPT member for whom K-12 teaching is a primary responsibility, delivers an address at an AAPT Summer Meeting and receives a monetary award, an Award Certificate, a copy of the citation, and travel expenses to the meeting.



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Science Screen Report Award

This award is presented to one science teacher in grades K-12 who has creatively used commercially available films or videotapes to develop a science unit or theme. The award winner receives a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000 and funding up to \$500 to attend NSTA's National Convention. Award sponsored by Science Screen Report, Inc. Application deadline is mid-October.

Shell Science Teaching Award

This program recognizes one outstanding classroom science teacher in grades K–12 who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school and community through exemplary science teaching. The award recipient receives a monetary award totaling \$10,000.00 and an all-expenses-paid trip to NSTA's National Convention. Two finalists will also receive all-expenses-paid trips to the convention. Award sponsored by Shell Oil Company. Application deadline mid-November.

Toyota Tapestry Grants Program

Proposals must describe a project including its potential impact on students, and a budget not exceeding \$10,000 (or \$2,500 for mini-grant applications).

- The Environmental Science Education category funds projects that emphasize the efficient use of natural resources and protection of the environment. Students participating in these projects should gain an increased awareness of the terrestrial, aquatic and/or atmospheric environment and an understanding of their own interdependence with the natural world.
- The Physical Science Applications category includes projects that relate the laws, principles and concepts of science (physics and chemistry) to phenomena and events relevant to students' lives. Physical Science Application projects should involve the students' own experiences and interests. Unique ways of applying science to technology and making physical science more accessible to students are encouraged.
- The Literacy and Science Education category will focus on the development of literacy skills in the context of science teaching and learning. Projects will be funded that highlight techniques and practices that embed literary strategies in inquiry-based science instruction and support improved science achievement. Project directors for recipients of large grant awards will be flown to Dallas to attend the awards banquet held during the NSTA convention. Project directors for recipients of the mini-grant awards will receive a one-year membership to NSTA. The program offers 50 grants totaling up to \$10,000 each and a minimum of 20 mini-grants totaling \$2,500 each for science teachers in grades K-12. Award sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc. Application deadline is mid January.



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Vernier Technology Awards

This award rewards the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator or other handheld device in the science classroom. Seven awards will be presented to science teachers as follows: one award at the elementary level (grades K-5); two awards at the middle level (grades six through eight); three awards at the high school level (grades nine through 12); and one award at the college level. Each recipient will receive a monetary award totaling \$1,000, funding up to \$1,000 to attend the NSTA Convention and \$1,000 in Vernier products. Award sponsored by Vernier Software and Technology. Application deadline mid-October.

Science, Math, Technology, Engineering or Computer Science

Knowles Teaching Fellows

Approximately 35 Teaching Fellowships are awarded annually to early-career high school math and science teachers. The Knowles Teacher Initiative seeks Fellowship candidates who have exceptional content knowledge in the area they intend to teach and who also have the capacity and drive to develop the specialized content knowledge needed to carry out the work of teaching. The Knowles Teacher Initiative seeks Fellowship candidates who understand that teaching is highly complex, intellectually challenging work and recognize that, regardless of other experiences they may have had, it will take them considerable time and effort to become outstanding teachers. The Knowles Teacher Initiative seeks Fellowship candidates who have the potential to become leaders who serve as agents of educational improvement for their students within their classrooms, schools, communities, and the profession. After completing the fifth year of the Fellowship, Teaching Fellows become Senior Fellows. Through the Senior Fellows Program, Senior Fellows have the opportunity to remain involved in the Knowles community throughout their careers and be supported in ongoing leadership efforts.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

Applicants must: Teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as a part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the K-6 level in a public (including charter) or private school, hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, be full-time employees of the school or school district as determined by state and district policies, with responsibilities for teaching students no less than 50% of the school's allotted instructional time, have at least five years of full-time employment as a K-12 teacher prior to the academic school year during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties each of the five years, teach in one of



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the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and have not received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category. At the state and jurisdiction level, coordinators convene selection committees, which include prominent mathematicians, scientists, mathematics/science education researchers, district-level personnel, and classroom teachers. These committees select up to six finalists (three from each award category) for recognition at the state and jurisdiction level. States and jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to forward finalists in each of the STEM areas. Within the science category, states and jurisdictions are encouraged to include science and engineering finalists and in the mathematics category, they are encouraged to include mathematics and computer science/technology finalists. State and jurisdiction selection committees review applications using the criteria and scoring information presented in this application packet. The states and jurisdictions select up to six state finalists by April. Prize of \$10,000. Award sponsored by National Science Foundation. Application deadline Fall of each school year.

Trailblazing STEM Educator Award

Sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautic and Astronautics, the Trailblazing STEM Educator Award will celebrate three K-12 educators who go above and beyond to inspire the next generation of explorers and innovators in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Winners of this award will receive: \$5,000 award to the educator, \$5,000 award to the educator's school or organization, a trip to Washington, DC, to be honored at the AIAA Awards Gala, free access to Challenger Center's STEM education programs, and the opportunity to attend a future space launch experience. Nomination period is open from October 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022.

Social Studies

Award for Global Understanding Given in Honor of James M. Becker

The Award for Global Understanding Given in Honor of James M. Becker recognizes a social studies educator (or a team of educators) who has made notable contributions in helping social studies students increase their understanding of the world. Nominees must be NCSS members at the time of nomination, social studies educators who are affecting the global understanding of P-12 students, agree to be available to present their work at the NCSS Annual Conference, and via webinar or other outreach means if selected as the recipient of the award. The award includes a \$2,000 cash award, a session to present at the NCSS annual conference, complimentary NCSS



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conference registration, and up to \$700 in transportation/lodging reimbursement. Award sponsored by NCSS. Application deadline January 5.

Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award

NCSS membership is required. Awards are available to full-time social studies teachers or social studies teacher educators currently engaged with K-12 students. Consideration for the "Reach for the Stars" award is given to projects that represent excellence and innovation in social studies education and have the potential of serving as a model for other teachers. Preference is given to those proposals that demonstrate the highest likelihood for enduring impact. Grants will be given to assist classroom teachers in: 1) developing and implementing imaginative, innovative, and illustrative social studies teaching strategies; and 2) supporting student implementation of innovative social studies, citizenship projects, field experiences, and community connections. The purpose of the \$2,500 grant is to help a social studies educator make his or her dream of innovative social studies a reality. Recipients of the award also present a session at the NCSS Annual Conference, and receive a commemorative award piece during the Awards Reception at the Annual Conference. Awarded sponsored by FASSE. Application deadline is January 5.

Grant for the Enhancement of Geographic Literacy

The NCSS Grant for the Enhancement of Geographic Literacy was created to promote geography education in the schools; to enhance the geographic literacy of students at the classroom, district, or statewide level; and to encourage the integration of geography into the social studies curriculum/classroom. Nominees must agree to be available to present their work at the NCSS Annual Conference and via webinar or other outreach means if selected as the recipient of the grant. Award winners receive \$2,500, a commemorative award, and present a session on their work at the NCSS Annual Conference. Award sponsored by NCSS. Application deadline is January 5.

National Council for Geographic Education Awards

NCGE recognizes educators and advocates who have made outstanding contributions to geography education. Awards are given for teaching, research, and service. Winners are recognized at a special ceremony during NCGE's annual conference. Nominees and Nominators must be NCGE members at the time of application.

- George J Miller Award for Distinguished Service to Geographic Education - The Council's highest award, for distinguished service in geographic education. Nominations are made to the Miller Award committee by contacting the current NCGE president-elect.
- AP Human Geography Distinguished Teaching Award - Recognizes excellence in geography teaching for the AP Human Geography course.



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- Brunn Innovations in Geography Award - Recognizes outstanding elementary, middle, and high school teachers who have demonstrated great creativity, originality, and innovation in their teaching of geography.
- K-12 Distinguished Teaching Awards - Recognizes excellence in geography teaching at the primary and secondary levels.

Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year

This award recognizes exceptional classroom social studies teachers for grades K-12 who teach social studies regularly and systematically in elementary school settings, and at least half-time in middle or junior high and high school settings. Award winners receive \$2,500, complimentary one-year membership in NCSS, and present a session on their work at the NCSS Annual Conference, and up to \$500 in transportation/lodging reimbursement to attend the Annual Conference. Award sponsored by NCSS. Application deadline is January 5.

Spanish

Teacher of the Year Award

The AATSP Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards are given to teachers of Spanish or Portuguese representing the following four categories; Elementary Level (K-8), Secondary Level (9-12), Two-year College Level, College or University Level. Award value \$500. Award sponsor AATSP. Application deadline is March 1.

Special Circumstance Award

Freida J. Riley Teacher Award

Candidates are limited to teachers in grades K-12 that work with physical handicaps, teach in an especially challenging educational environment or have performed a heroic act through personal or physical sacrifice in the line of duty. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the Partnership for America's Future, Inc. at 330-376-8300. The recipient will receive a monetary award in the amount of \$10,000.00, funding for travel and lodging expenses incurred to attend the award ceremony and a sculpture. Award sponsored by Partnership for America's Future. Application deadline Early March.

Special Education

Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award



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This award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities. The nominee must be a CEC member at the time of nomination and granting of the award. Awardee is invited to attend the CEC Convention & Expo in Orlando, FL, compliments of CEC, will be recognized with a commemorative plaque at an Awards Ceremony during CEC Convention & Expo, a \$500 cash honorarium, and featured in a press release on the CEC website. Award sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children. Application deadline is September 8.

Special Educator Rising Star Award

This award recognizes a CEC member teacher who is in the first five years of their special education career who has shown exceptional potential for leadership in teaching, service, and/or scholarship. Awardee is invited to attend the CEC Convention & Expo in Orlando, FL, compliments of CEC, recognized with a commemorative plaque at an Awards Ceremony during CEC Convention & Expo, and featured in a press release on the CEC website. Award sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children. Application deadline is September 8.

Starfish Award

This award is presented to educators who go above and beyond to meet the needs of all of their students through Universal Design for Learning and the implementation of accessible educational materials and assistive technology. Awardee receives Starfish Certificate and Commemorative Silver Starfish, a feature in the PATINS Pages eNewsletter, free admission to Access to Education, and a Starfish Badge that can be added to email signatures or other professional or personal documents. Award sponsored by PATINS. See website for application deadlines.

Teacher of the Year Award

This award recognizes a CEC member teacher who currently provides instruction to students with exceptionalities and is an outstanding member of the profession. His or her work exemplifies the best in special education teaching and reflects significant, documented positive outcomes for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality. The nominee must be a CEC member at the time of the nomination and granting of the award and have been a CEC member for at least 5 years. Awardee is invited to attend the CEC Convention & Expo in Orlando, FL, compliments of CEC, recognized with a commemorative plaque at an Awards Ceremony during CEC Convention & Expo, given a \$500 cash honorarium, and featured in a press release on the CEC website. Award sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children. Application deadline September 8.



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20 or More Years of Teaching Experience

National Teachers Hall of Fame

Candidates must be certified classroom teachers (active or retired) with at least 20 years experience teaching in grades preK-12. Anyone may nominate a teacher. For more information or to obtain an application, please call 1-800-96TEACH. Inductees receive a scholarship totaling \$1,000.00 to be presented to a student in the inductee's school district who intends to pursue a degree in education. Inductees also receive materials for their school districts, a permanent display in the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas and other gifts. Award sponsored by National Teachers Hall of Fame. Application deadline Early January.