

Minnesota Academy of Science

Call for Nominations

2012 Science Teacher Mentoring Award



These awards recognize junior and senior high school science teachers who have found creative ways to nurture students' interest in scientific inquiry and promote science education in their schools. The award criteria specifically considers the nominees' support of students' hands-on projects and experiences outside the classroom that generate interest in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). There are two award categories – one for teachers with 1 to 10 years of experience, and another for teachers with 11 or more years of experience.

Award recipients receive \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque. The teachers' schools also receive \$1,000 and a plaque for their trophy case.

Please see the nomination form below for details and recognize your outstanding teachers today!

Nominations:

- Teachers can be nominated by students, parents, fellow teachers, or school administrators (no self nominations)
- Include three letters of support with your nomination form (two pages max per letter); one letter must be from a student the teacher has mentored. Please do not send additional supporting material. See details below.

1.) I would like to nominate:

Name:	
School Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	# of years as a teacher:
E-mail:	
School Name:	

Nominated by:

Name:
School Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
E-mail:

2.) Provide 3 letters of support about this teacher (two pages max per letter); one letter must be from a student the teacher has mentored. Each letter should answer these questions:

- How has the nominee nurtured her/his students' interest in scientific inquiry? (Please provide specific examples.)

- How has the nominee supported students' hands-on projects and/or experiences outside the classroom that spur students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math? (Please provide specific examples.)
- How has the teacher promoted creativity and reinforced the practical application of skills learned in the classroom? (Please provide specific examples.)

Please include any other details about the nominee and how she/he inspires students to learn and grow.

Please do not send additional supporting material beyond the three letters.

3.) Send this form and the three letters of support to:

Webmaster@mnmas.org. Please use subject line: **Seagate Science Mentor Awards**

OR Fax to: (952) 545-6336

OR Mail to: **MN Academy of Science/Seagate Science Mentor Awards
8700 West 36th Street Suite 114W
St. Louis Park, MN 55426**

All forms must be received no later than **Feb 28, 2012**.