Call for 2021 MSTA Awards Nominations

Look around you! Are you working with someone whom you consider an excellent science educator? Does this person do an outstanding job in the classroom and/or in your school district? Does this person contribute to the profession by taking leadership roles within the educational community and show a willingness to share ideas with colleagues by presenting seminars and workshops, and by publishing science related articles in professional journals?

If you know someone who exhibits these attributes, then please NOMINATE HIM/HER for one of the following categories

- Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Middle School Teacher of the Year
- High School Teacher of the Year
- College Teacher of the Year
- Teacher of Promise
- Administrator of the Year
- Informal Science Educator of the Year

Awards are issued based on the following criteria:

- The winning Elementary, Middle School, High School, and College Science Teachers of the Year will be chosen for using or modeling best practices, inspiring their students, demonstrating innovative teaching strategies, being excellent role models for students and other teachers, demonstrating leadership, exhibiting a passion for science and teaching, and who have taught for five or more years. There has been some confusion about fifth grade teachers. If the teacher works in an elementary school, nominate him/her for the Elementary Award. If the teacher works in a middle school or junior high school, nominate him/her for the Middle School award.

- The winning Science Teacher of Promise will be chosen for inspiring students, demonstrating innovative teaching strategies, demonstrating the potential for science leadership, and exhibiting a passion for science and teaching. Eligible nominees must have taught fewer than five years.

- The winning Administrator of the Year will be elected based on dedication to and support of science education in the district and community, and for being a strong advocate of science teaching and curriculum. Eligible nominees include all levels of district administrators, curriculum directors, ISD/RESA chairs, Math/Science Center people, and higher education administrators.

- The winning Informal Science Educator will be chosen for unique and extraordinary accomplishments, active leadership, scholarly contributions, and direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of non-school based science education over a period of time.

Please be advised that current member of the MSTA Board of Directors are not eligible to receive these awards.

The online nomination form can be accessed here or by going to: bit.ly/AwardsMSTA.

Once the nomination is received, the nominee will be contacted and sent the appropriate materials. If you have any questions, please contact Marleen Maicki, Awards Chair at: marleenmaicki@gmail.com.