



## Louisiana Science Teachers Association

### Louisiana Science Teachers Association Distinguished Informal Science Education Award

The Distinguished Informal Science Education Award recognizes an LSTA member for distinguished service in the field of informal science education. LSTA members in good standing are invited to submit nomination packets of current LSTA members for review by the Awards Committee. The award recognizes an LSTA member who is not a classroom teacher but who has made extraordinary contributions to science education outside the traditional school setting. Examples include but are not limited to employees of a science-technology center, museum, nature center, community service center, foundation, state agency, or federal agency. Business or industry representatives are also potential nominees. The nominee must have been an LSTA member for a minimum of 3 years.

Excellence of contributions in the area of science education is the main criterion for selection of the recipient. Among the types of outstanding services that are considered by the committee are:

- Continuing support of LSTA as exemplified by attendance and presentations at LSTA conferences and other science professional development functions
- Contributions to LSTA over a significant period of time
- Unique or extraordinary accomplishments in informal science education
- Active leadership in informal science education
- Focusing of public attention on the need for improvement of informal science education
- Overall excellence of contributions

The Distinguished Informal Science Education Award consists of a \$100 gift certificate, an award plaque, and recognition in the LASER.

#### APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. **General information page** that includes the following: name, address, and phone number of the nominator; name, address, position title, affiliation, and phone number of the nominee; and a statement indicating whether or not the nominator would like for the nomination to be kept confidential until the awards recognition (if possible).
2. **Narrative** describing the outstanding nature and service of the nominee's contributions. This may include but is not limited to presentations at LSTA conventions, activities directed to classroom science teachers, and distinguished service to the field of informal science education. This is not to exceed five (5) pages double-spaced in 8.5" x 11 format with a type size no smaller than 10 point font.
3. **Professional resume** of the nominee including service to LSTA (maximum 3 pages).
4. **Three letters of support** that provide examples of the nominee's distinguished service to LSTA and to science education. Scanned letters or letters with electronic signatures are acceptable.

**Entries that do not meet the requirements will be disqualified.**

**All entry components must be submitted no later than 12 midnight on September 15, 2024.**

**Submit application documents (preferably in one file) to Jan Graff ([jlgraff@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlgraff@bellsouth.net)). The subject line should include the name of the nominee and *The Distinguished Informal Science Education Award*.**

**Questions can be directed to Jan Graff ([jlgraff@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlgraff@bellsouth.net)).**