



## Louisiana Science Teachers Association

### Louisiana Science Teachers Association The Essie Beck “Rising Star” Science Education Award

The Essie Beck Rising Star Science Education Award is presented by the Louisiana Science Teachers Association to one science teacher at any level (K-12) who has demonstrated exemplary science teaching. This may include performance in the development/use of instructional materials, design/implementation of curriculum, and/or fostering school-based or community-based instructional programs in science for a period of three to five years. This award is named for Essie Beck who devoted both her teaching career and retirement years to the improvement of science education in Louisiana.

The Essie Beck “Rising Star” Science Education Award consists of a \$400 cash grant to be used at the discretion of the awardee, an award plaque, and recognition in the LASER.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Applicant must be a full-time science teacher or full-time classroom teacher, with all the responsibilities of such a position and **in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> year in the classroom.**
2. The Applicant must have been an LSTA member by August 1 of the year of application. This can be verified by contacting the LSTA awards coordinator or the LSTA membership chairperson.

#### APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. **Description** of the applicant’s exemplary science technique(s), innovations, and/or program(s). This document should not exceed five (5) pages double-spaced in 8.5” x 11” format with a type size no smaller than 10 point font. The exemplary teaching described must be the entrant’s original work but can be based on existing instructional materials.
2. **Resume** with the following components: name, position title, home address, phone number, name of principal or supervisor, school name, school address, formal education, participation in professional organizations, activities related to role as an educator, and other pertinent information.
3. **Supplemental documents** such as student work samples, innovative lesson plans, or photos of students engaged in activities related to the application (photo release forms should be on file.) Videos or multi-media materials should be avoided.
4. **Three letters of support** from individuals familiar with the exemplary science teaching of the applicant and who can corroborate the teaching described. Scanned letters or letters with electronic signatures are acceptable.
5. **Statement** signed by the principal that indicates the applicant is a full-time classroom teacher.

**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 applicant and *The Essie Beck “Rising Star” Science Education Award.***

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