



Louisiana Science Teachers Association

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LSTA is awarding 10 travel grants of up to \$600 each to offset the expense of attending the NSTA National Conference in New Orleans on November 6-9, 2024. The money can be used to cover conference registration, special conference sessions, lodging, meals, parking, or travel. Grant applicants will be notified of their status at least three weeks prior to the conference. The money will be reimbursed following the conference. A committee of science leaders from throughout the state will score the applications. Order of receipt or geographic location will not necessarily be considered in the awarding of the travel grants.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS

1. Applicants must be LSTA members on or before August 1, 2024.
2. Awardees are expected to attend the full conference and take maximum advantage of the sessions.
3. Awardees are expected to use information and skills gained at the conference to improve their teaching skills and classroom instruction.
4. Awardees are not eligible to reapply for the travel grant for the next three Annual LSTA Conferences.
5. Award cannot be applied to other conferences or transferred to another individual.
6. Awardees who decline to attend the 2024 NSTA Conference and who have not given a minimum notice of two weeks to the LSTA Awards Coordinator are not eligible to reapply for the travel grant for the next three annual LSTA Conferences.
7. LSTA Officers, Board Members, or Travel Grant Committee Members are not eligible for the grant.
8. Awardees cannot submit expenses that will be paid by other funding sources.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. **General information page** that includes applicant name, position title, address, phone number, email address, and current teaching assignment (grade levels and subjects); principal or supervisor name and email address; school name and address; and the total number of LSTA conferences the applicant has attended.
2. **Signed applicant statement** indicating that she/he is receiving no duplicate funding for attending the 2024 NSTA Conference.
3. **Signed principal statement** indicating that she/he supports this applicant and as an expression of partnership, the school or district will be responsible for covering the cost of any substitutes necessary for this faculty member to attend the 2024 NSTA Conference.
4. **Responses** of one or two paragraphs each to the following.
 - a. Describe your current role in science education in Louisiana.
 - b. Describe the value you see in attending an NSTA Conference. Identify specific information, skills, or contacts you seek at the conference, and indicate how they will be used and shared with your colleagues.

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). The subject line should include the name of the applicant and *LSTA Travel Grant*.

Questions can be e-mailed to Jan Graff jlgraff@bellsouth.net.