



## Louisiana Science Teachers Association

### Louisiana Science Teachers Association Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Awards

Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Awards are presented by the Louisiana Science Teachers Association to one science teacher at each level (elementary, middle, and secondary) 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 instructional programs in science for longer than five years.

The Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Awards consist 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, **with at least 5 years of classroom experience**. Categories are as follows:  
Elementary (grades preschool – 4), Middle (grades 5 – 8), and Secondary (grades 9 – 12).
2. Applicant must be a current LSTA member and have been a member for a minimum of 3 years. 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, award category (elementary, middle, or secondary), 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 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 Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Award*.**

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