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The Louisiana Science Teachers Association has instituted an award to honor the memory of the late Dr. William W. Craig, Professor of Geology at the University of New Orleans. Dr. Craig's influence upon K-12 educators was profound, even though his area of work was that of a research scientist. This award seeks to recognize University faculty members who like Dr. Craig, have reached out to K-12 educators and made a difference in their careers. LSTA members in good standing are invited to submit nomination packets of current LSTA members for review by the Awards Committee. The nominee must presently be a two- or four-year college instructor who has been an LSTA member for a minimum of 3 years.

The William Craig Outstanding University Educator Award consists of a \$100 gift certificate, an award plaque, and recognition in the LASER.

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

- Unique or extraordinary contributions to the LSTA organization
- Documented work with K-12 educators over a significant period of time
- Active leadership in science education at local, state, or national level that directly benefits classroom teachers
- Focusing of public attention on the need for improvement of and support for science education
- Direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of science education at any level

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 of the nominee's distinguished service to LSTA and to science education in his/her role as a university faculty member. The narrative should provide specific examples (e.g., work with science educators, longevity of service to LSTA or commitment to professional development, etc.) This narrative 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 outstanding distinguished service 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). The subject line should include the name of the nominee and *The William Craig Outstanding University Educator Award*.

Questions can be directed to Jan Graff (jlgraff@bellsouth.net).