William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award

The William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award has been established to promote and recognize the outstanding teaching of science in grades K-12 by full-time undergraduate and graduate students, and full-time teachers who have completed no more than two years of teaching.

Description of the Award
Each award will consist of: a plaque, a membership in PSTA for a period of two years, beginning January 1 of the year following the convention at which the Award is presented, a free two-day registration for the convention, and a one day/night room and meal package at the convention.

Applicants
Applicants must be:
(1) undergraduate students who have completed student teaching; or,
(2) full-time graduate students currently enrolled in academic programs leading to a degree and/or certification in a teaching field; or,
(3) full-time teachers having a total of no more than two years of teaching experience at any level.

Nomination Process
Applicants must be nominated by a current member of PSTA. The nominator must complete, in word-processed form, the required information and submit it directly to the Awards Committee Chair. Application packets must be postmarked by September 1 of the current award year.

THE APPLICATION PACKET CONSISTS OF:
Nominee’s Resume (2-page maximum)
Nominee’s Data Form
Nominee’s Supporting Information
Nominator’s Data Form
Nominator’s Supporting Information

Application packets must be postmarked by September 1, and mailed to

PSTA Awards Committee Chair
43 Maple Avenue
Halifax, PA 17032
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NOMINEE’S DATA FORM
(Must be word processed)

Nominee meets the following criteria: (please indicate which one)
- Undergraduate student who has completed student teaching
- Full time Graduate student in a degree and/or certification program
- Full time teacher (K-12) who has completed no more than two years teaching in total.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________
HOME ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________
HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____________________________________________
SCHOOL ADDRESS: __________________________________________________
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: ___________________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________
GRADE LEVEL WHICH YOU TEACH: _________________________________
NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER: _________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Nominator:

Printed Name          Signature          Membership Number

NOMINEE’S SUPPORTING INFORMATION
On 8.5 X 11 paper, describe your science teaching including but not limited to the following areas (maximum of five double spaced word processed pages):
- Knowledge and use of content specific teaching methods;
- Innovative manipulative lessons;
- Motivational techniques;
- Attention to the development of student comprehension;
- Accommodation of varying student abilities;
- Personal goals in science education; and,
- Additional information you believe, will be appropriate for the committee to know.

________________________________________  _______________________
Signature of Nominee      Date
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NOMINATOR’S DATA FORM
(Must be word processed)

NAME: ____________________________________________
HOME ADDRESS: __________________________________
HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____________________________
SCHOOL ADDRESS: __________________________________
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: ___________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________________

I am a current member of PSTA and my membership number is: __________

_______________________________________________  ________________________
Signature        Date

NOMINATOR’S SUPPORTING INFORMATION

On 8.5 X 11 paper, describe in 1500 words or less the nominee’s contribution to science teaching including but not limited to:

• Mastery of science knowledge;
• Understanding of science processes and attitudes;
• Appropriate grade level lessons that motivate students;
• Use of manipulatives;
• Level of communication skills;
• Attention to student comprehension;
• Rigor of standards in the classroom; and,
• Dedication to teaching.

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September 1