

ISTA New Teacher of the Year Award

Purpose: The goal of this award is to recognize “new” teachers for their excellence in facilitating science learning in their classes. This award is to encourage some of the bright, up-in-coming teachers to continue to strive to be the best teachers that they can be.

Requirements:

- Must be a teacher with their initial certification
- Encouraged to be a member of ISTA (either student or teacher category)
- Must be nominated by an ISTA member teacher or school administrator
- Currently teaching in the field of science (can be teaching science in an elementary setting)
- Completed nomination form and biography highlighting innovative teaching experiences, exemplary service, and trend setting practices in the field of science
- This is a one-time award per awardee

Awardees:

- Honor **3 to 5** teachers with initial certificate in the field of science from throughout the State of Illinois
- Awardees honored with a one-year membership to ISTA
- Recognition in ISTA Spectrum Journal
- Recognition at ISTA Convention Luncheon
- Teacher of Science Idea Pack”
- Certification of Recognition

Timeline:

- Nominations submitted by June 30 of 2008 for school year 2007-2008 Awards
- Selection Committee makes decision of awardees July/August 2008
- Awardees notified in September 2008
- Awardees honored at 2008 ISTA Annual Convention luncheon

Nominations may be submitted either electronically or via mail.

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