



ISTA New Teacher of the Year Award

Purpose: The Illinois Science Teachers Association announces the 2010-2011 ISTA New Teacher Award Program. The goal of this award is to recognize “new” teachers for excellence in facilitating science learning in their classrooms. This award aims to encourage some of the bright, up-in-coming teachers to continue to strive towards best practice and provide support for them along the way.

The 2010-2011 program consists of honoring up to 7 new teachers with initial teaching certification. Applicants must be nominated by an ISTA member or a school administrator. Benefits of this award include recognition from ISTA, a complimentary one-year ISTA membership and the opportunity to participate in the New Teacher Panel at the ISTA Annual Conference. Descriptions of the previous year’s awardees and their achievements are located on the ISTA website: www.ista-il.org.

Requirements:

1. Teacher with initial Illinois certification.
2. ISTA member (teachers can join instantly and enjoy a \$20 reduced rate).
3. Must be nominated by an ISTA member or a school administrator.
4. Current teacher of science (can be teaching science in an elementary setting).
5. Completed application and biography highlighting innovative teaching experiences, exemplary service, professional development activities, and trend setting practices in the field of science.
6. Previous New Teacher of the Year awardees are ineligible.

Awardees:

- Honor **up to 7** teachers with initial certification.
- Awardees honored with a one-year membership to ISTA.
- Recognition in ISTA journal, *Spectrum*.
- Recognition on ISTA website.
- Recognition at ISTA Conference Luncheon.
- Receive Teacher of Science “Idea Pack.”
- Certificate of Recognition.
- Participate in the New Teacher Panel at 2011 ISTA Annual Conference.

Timeline:

- ✓ Applications submitted by May 1, 2011 for school year 2010-2011 Awards.
- ✓ Selection Committee makes decision of awardees, June 2011.
- ✓ Awardees notified in July 2011.
- ✓ Awardees honored at 2011 ISTA Annual Conference Luncheon.

Nominations must be submitted either electronically or via U.S. mail by **May 1, 2011**.

e-mail nominations to: **tbell@ista-il.org**

OR

Mail applications to: **ISTA Awards Chair, Tara Bell
2523 N. 2950th
Marseilles, IL 61341**



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Name of Nominee: _____

Current Teaching Assignment: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Summer Phone: _____ Summer e-mail address: _____

Year Teaching (circle one): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Education:

Institution	Degree	Year

The following must be included with this application:

1. A biography (not to exceed 500 words) about the new science teacher. Include any pertinent background experience which makes the nominee an up-and-coming “star” science teacher.

Nominated by: _____

School: _____ ISTA Region: _____

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