

**ISTA/ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science
Awards Program Application
2009-2010**

Program Summary:

The Illinois Science Teachers Association with the generous support of ExxonMobil is accepting applications from grade 7-12 teachers of science who have demonstrated “extraordinary accomplishments” in the field of science teaching. These accomplishments are intended to be something that goes beyond the classroom and enriches the lives of students. Examples include personal or community-wide achievement which is science related (grants for the school, working on environmental projects, etc). It could be working with other teachers or community members to develop a product or process related to science education. It could also be the creation of a science group at the school which enriches and extends beyond the school day.

Award:

The award consists of a \$1000 check which may be presented to one grade 7-12 teacher of science from each of the seven ISTA regions in the State of Illinois.

Eligibility:

Current ISTA members who are grade 7-12 teachers of science and work in one of ISTA’s regions. See the ISTA Region definitions included with this information. Previous winners are not eligible.

Award Submission Requirements:

- Current ISTA Membership
- Full time teaching assignment
- Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing the teacher’s extraordinary accomplishments in the field of science teaching.
- Evidence to support the description of the extraordinary accomplishments. Examples: Copies of newspaper articles, journal articles, grant applications and acceptance letters, letters from community agencies, action research reports, photos, etc. Do not exceed more than 10 printed pages of evidence. Evidence will not be returned.
- Vita or resume (one page, single sided) of teaching experience, professional activities, formal and continuing education, awards and published material.
- Two letters of support from individuals who can attest to the impact of the extraordinary accomplishments in the field of science teaching.
- A completed application form on paper with required supplementary materials submitted **by February 1, 2010,** to:

**ISTA Awards Chair Tara McDonald
Minooka Intermediate School
305 Church Street, Minooka, IL 60447**

Winners will be notified in March 2010. For more information, contact Tara McDonald taracmcdonald@gmail.com

2009-2010 ISTA/ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science Awards Application Form

ISTA Region: _____

Name: _____

Position (grade and subject taught): _____

School Name/Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Home email address _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

I certify that the information provided in this award application is true and accurate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

2009-2010 ISTA/ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science Timeline

By January 2010

Awards committee will be in place-consisting of Awards Chair and at least three other ISTA members.

By February 1, 2010

All applications must be postmarked.

By February 28, 2010

Awards committee will review and judge applications using a rubric to score the applications. Decisions of the committee will be finalized.

By March 31, 2010

ISTA directors from the appropriate region will be notified of the winners and asked to arrange for an appropriate award venue (school board meeting, teacher awards program, etc.)

Awardees will be notified by phone and an email letter will be sent as a follow up. Narratives of the awardees accomplishments will be developed, reviewed by the awardee, and put on the ISTA website and forwarded to the *SPECTRUM* editor.

A press release will be developed and reviewed by the awardees before being sent to awardees' hometown newspapers.

A letter will be sent to the awardees school with notification of the award received.

By October 2010

Awards committee will develop a visual presentation of the awardees work to be shown at the ISTA Conference. Awardees will be invited to be recognized at the Conference.

November 5, 2010

Awardees will be recognized at ISTA annual conference luncheon and images shown of their work. Writeups will be in conference package.

Illinois Science Teachers Association Regions

By teacher's principal teaching location, not by home address

Region 1 - McHenry, Lake, Kane, Cook except Chicago, DuPage, Kendall, Will, Grundy, Kankakee

Region 2 - Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, LaSalle, Putnam, Marshall, Mercer

Region 3 - Henderson, Warren, Knox, Stark, Peoria, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Tazewell, Schuyler, Mason, Adams, Brown, Cass, Menard, Pike, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian

Region 4 - Woodford, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois, McLean, Logan, DeWitt, Piatt, Champaign, Vermillion, Macon, Shelby, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, Clark

Region 5 - Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe, Washington, Randolph, Perry, Jersey

Region 6 - Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Hardin

Region 7 - Teach in the City of Chicago