

ISTA New Teacher of the Year Award Rules and Application

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Requirements:

- Must be a teacher with her/his 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, professional development activities, 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 journal *Spectrum*
- Recognition at ISTA Convention Luncheon
- Will receive Teacher of Science “Idea Pack”
- Certification of Recognition

Timeline:

- Nominations submitted by May 1, 2010 for school year 2009-2010 Awards
- Selection Committee makes decision of awardees, June 2010
- Awardees notified in June 2010
- Awardees honored at 2010 ISTA Annual Conference Presidents luncheon, November 5, 2010 at the Springfield Crowne Plaza Hotel

Nominations may be submitted either electronically or via mail.

e-mail nominations to: taracmcdonald@gmail.com

**ISTA Awards Chair Tara McDonald
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Name of Nominee: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Current Teaching Assignment: _____

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

College	Degree	Year

Attach a brief narrative about nominee. Include any pertinent background experience, innovative teaching styles and lessons, extracurricular involvement, professional development activities, unique attributes, staff, student, and community rapport which make the nominee an up-and-coming star science teacher.

Nominated by: _____

School: _____ ISTA Region: _____

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Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2010.