



ISTA New Teacher of the Year Award

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Eligibility:

- ✓ Teacher with initial certification.
- ✓ Encouraged to be a member of ISTA.
- ✓ Must be nominated by an ISTA member teacher or school administrator.
- ✓ Currently teaching science (elementary teachers are encouraged to apply).
- ✓ Complete application form and biography highlighting innovative teaching experiences, exemplary service, professional development activities and best practice.
- ✓ This is a one-time award.

Awardees:

- Honor **3 to 5** science teachers with initial certification.
- Certificate of Recognition.
- Awardees honored with a one-year membership to ISTA.
- Recognition in ISTA’s journal *Spectrum* and on ISTA’s website www.ista-il.org.
- Awardees honored at 2012 ISTA Conference Luncheon Springfield, IL.

Timeline:

- Nominations submitted by May 1, 2012.
- Awards Committee meets June 2012.
- Awardees notified in June 2012.
- Honored at 2012 ISTA Annual Conference in Springfield, IL.

Applications must be sent via e-mail by **May 1, 2012** to ISTA Awards Chair, Jill Bucher at jbucher@lincolncollege.edu



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Teacher Name : _____

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 the teacher. Include any pertinent background experience, innovative teaching styles and lessons, extracurricular involvement, professional development activities, unique attributes or rapport that makes the nominee an up-and-coming science star.

Nominated by: _____

School: _____ ISTA Region: _____

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