



ISTA/ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science Award

Purpose: The Illinois Science Teachers Association with the generous support of ExxonMobil announces the 2011-2012 ISTA/ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science Awards Program. Applications will be accepted from 7-12 grade science teachers who have demonstrated *extraordinary accomplishments* in the field of science teaching. ISTA and ExxonMobil plan to recognize grade K-6 teachers in the 2012-2013 school year.

The 2011-2012 program consists of honoring up to 7 science teachers throughout Illinois. A \$1000 award will be presented to one 7-12 grade science teachers from each of the seven ISTA regions in the state of Illinois. Previous winners are not eligible.

This award is intended to recognize *extraordinary accomplishment* in the field of science teaching. Applicants must provide evidence that demonstrates accomplishments that go beyond normal classroom teaching. Descriptions of the previous two years of awardees and their achievements are on the ISTA website: www.ista-il.org

Requirements:

1. Current ISTA membership.
2. Full time teaching assignment in grades 7-12.
3. Teaching assignment in the ISTA Region for which the application is submitted.
4. Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing the teacher's *extraordinary accomplishments*.
5. Evidence that supports the teacher's description of *extraordinary accomplishments* in the field of science teaching. Examples include: 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.
6. Vita or resume (one page, single sided) of teaching experience, professional activities, formal and continuing education, awards and published material.
7. Two letters of support from individuals who can attest to the impact of the *extraordinary accomplishments*.
8. Previous Outstanding Teacher Awardees are ineligible.

Awardees:

- Honor **up to 7** full time grade 7-12 science teachers.
- \$1000 check payable to each teacher.
- Recognition in ISTA journal ***Spectrum***, on ISTA website and at ISTA Conference Luncheon.

Timeline:

- ✓ Applications submitted by February 1, 2012.
- ✓ Selection Committee makes decision of awardees, March 2012.
- ✓ Awardees notified in April 2012.
- ✓ Awardees honored at 2012 ISTA Annual Conference in Springfield, IL.

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



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Name of Applicant: _____

Current Teaching Assignment: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Education:

Institution	Degree	Year

The following must be included with this application:

1. Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing the teacher's *extraordinary accomplishment*;
2. Evidence that supports *extraordinary accomplishments* in the field of science teaching;
3. Vita or resume; and
4. Two letters of support.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

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