

ISTA New Teacher of the Year Award Rules

Purpose: The goal of this award is to recognize “new” teachers for their excellence in facilitating science learning in their classes. This award is to encourage some of the bright, up-in-coming teachers to continue to strive to be the best teachers that they can be.

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 June 30, 2009 for school year 2008-2009 Awards
- Selection Committee makes decision of awardees July/August 2009
- Awardees notified in September 2009
- Awardees honored at 2009 ISTA Annual Convention luncheon, November 13, 2009

Nominations may be submitted either electronically or via mail.

e-mail nominations to: taracmcdonald@gmail.com

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