



# Minnesota Science Teachers Association Science Teaching Award

<https://www.mnsta.org/awards.html>

## APPLICATION PACKET

Applications are due **September 30, 2024**

via email to  
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# MnSTA Science Teaching Award

## Application Information

Thank you for considering applying for The MnSTA Science Teaching Award. This award recognizes current MnSTA members who exhibit exemplary science teaching K - 12 in the state of Minnesota. This award provides an opportunity to demonstrate your excellence in teaching and provides a \$1000 fund to the teacher for supporting classroom activities.

Two teachers of science, one at each level (Elementary, and Secondary), will receive the award and will be recognized at the MnSTA Conference on Science Education in November. Each awardee will receive formal recognition, a plaque, free conference registration, and a fund of \$1,000 to be used in the classroom.

### **Elibility**

- Teach science at a K-12 public or private school in Minnesota,
- Hold a Minnesota license in the area they teach,
- Be a full-time employee of the district or school and teach K-12 students at least 50% of the time,
- Have at least 3 years of full-time teaching experience (at least 50% of the time) prior to the 2023-24 school year, and
- Is a member of MnSTA at the application deadline.

Nominations at <https://www.mnsta.org/awards.html> are encouraged, but not required. Candidates may nominate themselves.

### **Application**

There are seven parts to the application. All parts must be completed as indicated. The font must be readable and no smaller than 10 points. All pages must be 8-1/2 x 11 with a minimum of ½ inch margins on each page.

All forms must be submitted as Word or pdf documents and sent as attachments to [treasurer@mnsta.org](mailto:treasurer@mnsta.org) by September 30, 2024. Documents may be submitted in batches.

**Your completed application must include**

- I. A completed Personal Data Form (see below)
- II. A resume style outline of your teaching related activities. Include education, teaching experience, major professional development, professional activities, awards, and community involvement. This must be no longer than two pages, single-spaced.
- III. A description of what you value in teaching and provide one **example** of how your teaching practice reflects exemplary science education. The example should be from your classroom experience. This must be no longer than two pages, single-spaced.
- IV. Optional: Include 1-2 pages of photographs supporting your description in part III. Labels, if used, must be limited to 10 words or less per picture. This could be a scanned document in pdf or a Word document with inserted photos.
- V. Provide a description of how the award money (\$1000) would be spent to enhance instruction in your classroom. Include a proposed budget and timeline. The money **MUST** be used in the classroom or for classroom materials and must not be used for trips or conferences. Payment of the funds will be based on submitted receipts that are in keeping with the budget. If the awardee receives additional funds from another source and wishes to revise the budget, MnSTA must be contacted and approve the proposed changes. This section should be no longer than one page, single-spaced.
- VI. Dissemination Plan: Submit a brief plan indicating how you will share what you do to stimulate, coordinate, and improve science teaching and learning, and how your award money enhanced your teaching. All recipients are encouraged to make a presentation on their project at a MnSTA conference. Outreach and sharing activities at the local and regional levels are also encouraged. This section should be no longer than one page, single-spaced.
- VII. Attach **two** letters of support. These may be from colleagues, administrators, parents, or students. They should address the question, "What are three characteristics that make the candidate an exemplary science teacher?" One of the letters should be from an administrator and include a verification that the applicant teaches at least half-time. Each letter should be no longer than one page, single-spaced.

# The MnSTA Science Teaching Award 2024

**Personal Data Form** – submit this form with the application documents.

**Award Category (check only one)**

Elementary (K-6)  Secondary (7-12)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's email \_\_\_\_\_

**Current full-time teaching assignment (account for 100% of the time)**

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**Current member of MnSTA?  yes  no** You must be a current member by the application deadline to be eligible for this award.

I agree to the provisions in the application packet, including the requirements for usage of the funds and the dissemination plans.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

(signature may be typed)