



Northeast Region of the American Chemical Society, Inc.

THE 2012 ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION NORTHEAST REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

GUIDELINES

Purpose: To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Northeast Region. The Northeast Region of the ACS consists of the following Local Sections in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont:

Binghamton, Central Massachusetts, Connecticut Valley, Cornell, Corning, Eastern New York, Green Mountain, Maine, Mid-Hudson, New Haven, Northern New York, Penn-York, Rhode Island, Rochester, Syracuse, Western Connecticut and Western New York.

Nature: The Region Award consists of a cash award and a plaque. Reasonable travel expenses to the Regional Meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. A certificate/plaque may also be provided to the recipient's institution for display. In some cases, the awardee may be asked to give a keynote address and/or participate in a symposium with other teachers.

Rules of Eligibility: Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee, may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local Sections within the Region are especially encouraged to submit nominations for the award. The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry or a chemical science in a high school (grades 9-12) on at least a half-time basis. The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes as possible:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching; unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;

- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

Required components:

1. A complete application that consists of the Nominee Information Form, the Nominator Information Form, the Nominator Recommendation of not more than 1,000 words submitted by the nominator according to the guidelines outlined on the Recommendation Form.
2. A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.
3. At least one, but not more than three, letters of support. One must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor. Additional letters of support may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents of former students.

Nominations and questions are to be submitted to D. Richard Cobb via e-mail [DCOBB4@rochester.rr.com] as an attachment.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

**This award will be presented at the
2012 Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM)
Rochester, NY
September 30th – October 3rd, 2012**

IMPORTANT: There is a requirement that we receive three (3) nominations in order for the award to be judged and presented.

(Nomination deadline is June 1, 2012)

INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL ACS "JAMES BRYANT CONANT AWARD IN HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY TEACHING" BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE:

James Bryant Conant Award in High School Chemistry Teaching

American Chemical Society

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Purpose: To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the United States, its possessions or territories, at the national level.

Nature: The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. A certificate will also be provided to the recipient's institution for display.

Eligibility: Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee, may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local sections are especially encouraged to submit nominations for the award. The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry in a high school (grades 9 -12). The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes of the nominee as possible:

1. Quality of teaching (unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized)
2. Ability to challenge and inspire students
3. Extracurricular work in chemistry including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences
4. Willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutions, regular attendance at scientific meetings, and other means of self-improvement

Support forms are not essential, but two may be included with each nomination. Support forms may include careful evaluations of the teacher's effectiveness by a supervisor or principal, by associates, or by members of the Society who have visited the nominee's classes. Letters from currently enrolled high school students are not acceptable, but letters from former students may be included. Retired teachers are ineligible for nomination.

Winners of the ACS Division of Chemical Education Northeast Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching will qualify to move up for nomination to this National ACS award. The Awards Chair for the Northeast Region will send the appropriate information to the nominator of the winning teacher, urging them to update the documents accordingly and submit them to the ACS for consideration.

More information about this award can be acquired by visiting:

http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_ARTICLEMAIN&node_id=1319&content_id=CTP_004535&use_sec=true&sec_url_var=region1&__uuid=a240f2b3-a1ed-4e94-9493-d1d69f6e1c67