



THE SHELL URBAN SCIENCE EDUCATORS DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Program Summary

This award provides support to outstanding diverse educators in pursuit of professional development, active participation at the NSTA National Conference on Science Education and committees that transitions into leadership roles and serves to increase the science educator talent pool of underrepresented populations in STEM to meet the education work force of the future. The recipients of the Award will be honored during the Shell Reception at the NSTA National Conference in Science Education.

Award

The award consists of \$1800 to be used to attend the annual NSTA National Conference on Science Education, a year's membership in NSTA, AMSE, and a year's subscription in the Shell Educator Cohort (\$6,000 value). Recipients will be invited to attend a variety of workshops and presentations that are of particular interest to urban teachers at the annual National Conference. Recognition at the Shell Awards reception, attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast or other AMSE social, participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, participate in the Shell Educator Cohort throughout the year. Seven awards will be given annually.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a K-12 science teacher in an urban setting. Classroom science teachers at the elementary, middle or high school level who are part of underrepresented populations in STEM are eligible. Qualifying underrepresented populations in STEM are: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, Hawaiian natives, natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands, and other.

Award Submission Requirements

Applications should reflect NGSS or national science education standards if necessary and must include the following information in the order presented:

- ★ A narrative describing the applicant's science education experiences, not to exceed 750 words.
- ★ Prepare a 500-750-word narrative describing a plan for your attendance at the national conference.
- ★ Agree to attend NSTA Teachers Awards events, attend the AMSE Alice J. Moses Breakfast or other AMSE social, participate in the Multicultural Share-a-thon, participate in the AMSE Town Hall Meeting, at the national conference on science education.
- ★ Two letters of support with at least one from an education colleague who can describe the merit of the applicant's work in an urban school setting. Letters should not exceed two pages each. Letters of support should accompany application. Letters sent separately will not be considered.
- ★ Attach a curriculum vitae, not exceeding two pages, which includes a brief description of your teaching experience, education and any previous awards and recognition.

*Upon receipt, all submissions become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received by December 19, 2025. Applications may only be submitted via the online submission form found at <https://www.nsta.org/shell>. Questions? Please feel free to e-mail aupton@nsta.org.