



THE EMMA WALTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Presented by the Alaska Science Teachers Association

GUIDELINES

The Alaska Science Teachers Association annually awards one citation for distinguished service in the field of science education. ASTA members are invited to share in the selection process by sending nominations of Alaska educators to ASTA for review by the Awards and Recognition Committee.

The award is designed to recognize Alaska educators who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of science education in the sciences and science teaching. Each award consists of up to \$500 to travel to the biannual Alaska Math/Science Conference, where a formal citation and a suitable token of appreciation for the outstanding service rendered by the recipient will be given.

ASTA Awards and Recognitions Criteria

Excellence of contribution to science education in Alaska is the main criterion for selection of the recipients. Among the types of outstanding services that are considered by the committee are:

- (1) Unique or extraordinary accomplishments in science teaching
- (2) Active leadership in science and/or science education.
 - _____ Local level
 - _____ State level
 - _____ National level
 - _____ International level
- (3) Noteworthy scholarly contributions to science education at any level.
- (4) Focusing of public attention and the need for improvement and better support of science education.
- (5) Direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of science education at any level.
- (6) Contributions over a significant period of time.
- (7) Overall excellence of contributions.

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Dear Awards and Recognition Committee:

I would like to offer the following teacher for consideration for the Distinguished Teaching Award at the following level: **Please indicate by underlining.**

Elementary **Middle Level** **High School** **Undergraduate/College**

Name of Nominee: _____

Affiliation: _____

Work Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

To the Nominator: It is the Nominator's responsibility to assemble an entry packet that must include:

- (1) A one (1) page letter nominating the candidate
- (2) An abstract: overview of the nominee's distinguished service, not to exceed 250 words that will be used for publication purposes.
- (3) A narrative describing the outstanding nature of the nominee's distinguished service to science education. Provide specific examples of the nominee's service and influence that extends beyond local boundaries and commitment.
- (4) A professional vitae – not to exceed three (3) pages, double spaced

(5) Include a minimum of three (3) letters and a maximum of five (5) letters of support. (not to exceed one (1) page each.) The letters should provide examples of the nominee's outstanding distinguished service and should be sent electronically.

Check list for submission.

_____ Letters of support
_____ Abstract
_____ Narrative
_____ Nomination letter

(6) Please send one copy of the packet electronically.

SEND TO:
Ben Walker
Alaska Science Teachers Association
10014 Main Tree Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507
ATTN: ASTA Distinguished Service Award

For the 2017 award, this packet should be received no later than May 15, 2017. The winner of the Distinguished Teaching Award will be notified by June 15, 2017.

Award Criteria Revised 8/3/09