

ETA hand2mind STEM Educator Award

Purpose: The Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) and the Illinois Science Teachers Association (ISTA) with the generous support of ETA hand2mind is pleased to offer a new award for K-8 Illinois educators, the *ETA hand2mind STEM Educator Award*. Applications for the 2016 award will be accepted from **K-8** teachers who have demonstrated *extraordinary accomplishments* in STEM teaching. ICTM and ISTA plan to award two (2) educators at the Illinois Math and Science Education Conference on October 7, 2016 in Peoria.

The 2016 program consists of honoring two (2) Illinois educators: **(1) K-5 educator and (1) 6-8 educator.**

This award is intended to recognize *extraordinary accomplishment* in STEM teaching. Applicants must provide evidence that demonstrates accomplishments that go beyond normal classroom teaching. An emphasis is placed on work that is original, innovative, and that integrates multiple STEM areas. Applications are especially encouraged from educators whose work involves student populations that are underrepresented in STEM fields.

Requirements:

1. Current ISTA or ICTM membership at time of application (new members are welcome).
2. Work as a classroom teacher.
3. Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing the teacher's *extraordinary STEM accomplishments*.
4. Evidence that supports the teacher's description of *extraordinary accomplishments* in STEM teaching. Possible examples include: copies of newspaper articles, journal articles, grant applications and acceptance letters, letters from community agencies, action research reports, photos, etc. Do not exceed more than 5 printed pages of evidence. Evidence will not be returned.
5. Current resume (maximum two pages).
6. Two letters of support from individuals who can attest to the impact of the *extraordinary STEM accomplishments*.

Awardees:

(1) K-5 educator and (1) 6-8 educator will be honored with:

- \$1000 check payable to each teacher
- \$1500 ETA hand2mind gift card payable to each teacher
- Complimentary registration to the Illinois Math and Science Education Conference
- Complimentary 1 year membership to ISTA or ICTM

Timeline:

- ✓ Applications submitted by August 15, 2016
- ✓ Awardees notified by September 1, 2016
- ✓ Awardees honored on October 7, 2016 at the Illinois Math and Science Education Conference

Complete applications must be e-mailed by August 15, 2016, to Award Chair, Dr. Barbara Hug at ilstemaward@gmail.com



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Name of Applicant: _____

2015-2016 Teaching Assignment: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Education:

Institution	Degree	Year

The following must be included with this application:

1. Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing the teacher's *extraordinary accomplishments*
2. Evidence that supports *extraordinary accomplishments* in STEM teaching (see page 1 for examples of acceptable evidence)
3. Resume
4. Two letters of support

I certify that the information provided in this award application is true and accurate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

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