



Illinois STEM Educator of the Year Award



The Illinois Science Teachers Association (ISTA) and the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM), with the generous support of ETA hand2mind, are pleased to offer the Illinois STEM Educator Award for a second year. The winners will be honored at the 2017 ISTA Conference, held at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on October 27-28.

Purpose:

- This award recognizes 2 educators – 1 elementary school educator (K-5) and 1 middle school educator (grades 6-8) – who have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishments in STEM/Engineering Design teaching.*
- Applicants must provide evidence that demonstrates accomplishments in STEM/Engineering Design 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.
- The judging panel includes: 2-3 ISTA/ICTM members, 2 college/university professors, last year's 2 winners.

Applicants Must:

1. Fill out attached Application Cover Sheet.
2. Be current members of ISTA or ICTM at the time of submission (new members are welcome).
3. Currently work as classroom teachers.
4. Describe the extraordinary STEM/Engineering Design accomplishments occurring in their classroom in a written narrative (maximum of 500 words).
5. Provide evidence that supports the narrative. Examples include: photos of student work, copies of newspaper articles, grant applications and acceptance letters, etc. Please do not exceed more than 3 printed pages of evidence. Evidence will not be returned.
6. Include a current resume.
7. Provide 1 letter of support from an individual (colleague, administrator, or university professor) who can attest to the impact of the extraordinary STEM/Engineering accomplishment.
8. OPTIONAL: Provide 1 letter of support from a parent or student who can attest to the impact of the extraordinary STEM/Engineering accomplishment.

Each Winner Receives:

- \$1,000 check
- \$1,500 ETA hand2mind gift card
- Complimentary registration to the 2017 ISTA Conference
- Complimentary 1-year membership in ISTA or ICTM.

Timeline:

- Applications open on May 1, 2017.
- Applications are due on September 1, 2017.
- Winners will be notified on September 22, 2017.
- Winners must be present at the 2017 ISTA Conference Luncheon to receive their awards.

Completed applications must be emailed to ilstemaward@hand2mind.com no later than September 1, 2017.

**ETA hand2mind employees and their family member and paid consultants/per diems of ETA hand2mind are not eligible to apply.*



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Applicant Information:

Name _____

2016-2017 Teaching Assignment _____

District/School _____

School Address _____

School Email _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Home Email (optional) _____

Applicant Education

Institution	Degree	Year

Please include the following items with this application:

1. Written narrative (maximum of 500 words) describing your extraordinary accomplishments in STEM teaching.
2. Evidence (photos of student work, copies of newspaper articles, grant applications and acceptance letters, etc.) that supports your extraordinary accomplishments in STEM teaching.
3. Resume (maximum of 2 pages).
4. 1 letter of support from an individual (colleague, administrator, or university professor) who can attest to the impact of the extraordinary STEM/Engineering accomplishment.
5. OPTIONAL: 1 letter of support from a parent or student who can attest to the impact of the extraordinary STEM/Engineering accomplishment.

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

Signed: _____ Date _____
Applicant

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