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# SCIENCE NOTES

## Science Teaching Awards

The National Science Teachers Association and Shell Oil Company will sponsor the Science Teaching Award for educators who have had a significant impact on their communities, schools and students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Any current teacher with at least five years of experience is eligible. Selections will be based on a review of application materials, including a one-page curriculum vita, a one-page description of the nominee's teaching philosophy and up to five pages describing the nominee's unique method of making science exciting and relevant for all students.

The final review process will involve videotapes and personal observation of the teacher in the classroom. The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash award and an expense-paid trip to the NSTA National Convention. The other two finalists will also receive expense-paid trips to the convention.

Anyone may nominate a teacher for this award. To obtain nomination materials, contact the NSTA Executive Department, Science Teaching Award, 1742 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009-1171.

— J.M.H.

## "Excellence in Polymer Education" Award

To recognize the efforts of secondary and junior high school chemistry teachers who help students meet the challenges and responsibilities of living in a technological age, the Polymer Education Committee (POLYED) of the American Chemical Society sponsors the "Award for Excellence in Polymer Education by a Junior High or High School Chemistry Teacher."

Award applications are reviewed on the basis of two criteria:

- 1) The applicant's innovative use of classroom and laboratory activities to promote understanding of polymer chemistry and its role in the everyday lives of students.
- 2) The applicant's outreach activities to encourage other teachers to explore polymer chemistry with their students.

To obtain an application for the 1993 award, contact the Polymer Education Coordinator, Miami University-Middletown, 4200 East University Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45042. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 1993.

— A.L.W.