

SPECTROSCOPY SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH



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Dear Elementary School Principal or Administrator:

The Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh (SSP) is soliciting nominations for Excellence in Science Teaching Awards. The program is open to any teacher Grades K-8 within Allegheny and surrounding county schools of the SSP membership area. Please see the list of the counties that fall within the SSP Membership Area.

Please provide the information requested in Part 1 and then give the form to your teacher nominee to complete Part 2. You may also request the form by contacting the SSP Administrative Office at sspinfo@pittcon.org or **(412) 825-3220 x218**.

You are permitted to nominate two worthy teachers from your school for the award. Please use a separate copy of the application form for each nomination. The teacher nominee(s) will be responsible for mailing the completed form no later than **March 14, 2008** (extended deadline).

After all application forms are reviewed, SSP will notify each teacher nominee to indicate the status of his or her application.

If you have any questions, please contact the SSP Administrative Assistant.

Sincerely,

Kerry Holzworth, Chairman
SSP Elementary School Science Award

The Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh



is soliciting

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

for

SSP CASH AWARDS AND CITATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE TEACHING

Instructions

1. PRINCIPAL OR OTHER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Provide the following information requested on Page 1 of the application form.

- A. Print or type your name
- B. Sign your name as nominator.
- C. Provide your official school title.
- D. Give name of school.
- E. Provide name of teacher being nominated.
- F. Give form to nominee.

2. TEACHER NOMINEE

Provide information requested on Pages 1, 2, 3, & 4 of the application form.

- A. Respond to questions A through G on Pages 2, 3, & 4.
- B. Sign form on Page 1.
- C. Mail completed form, along with two letters of recommendation, to the SSP office by the recently extended deadline (**March 14, 2008**).

SSP Excellence in Science Teaching Application Form (2007-2008)

Dear Elementary School Principal or Administrator:

The Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh is soliciting nominations for Excellence in Science Teaching Awards. The program is open to any teacher (**Grades K-8**) within Allegheny and surrounding county schools. The process is a simple one for you. Provide the information requested in Part 1 (below) then give the form to your teacher nominee to complete. You are permitted to nominate two worthy teachers from your school for the award. Please use a separate form for each nomination. You may photocopy this form.

PART 1:

I, _____ (Type/Print name of nominator)

_____ (Signature and Title of Nominator)

of/at _____ (Name of School)

located in _____ (County and State of School)

nominate _____ (Name of Teacher)

for an SSP Excellence in Science Teaching Award.

NOW, GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR TEACHER NOMINEE FOR COMPLETION

Dear Teacher:

You have been nominated for an SSP Excellence in Science Teaching Award. A maximum of three awards, each consisting of a plaque and \$1000 will be presented for the 2007/2008 school year. As a nominee, you are required to:

1. SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PART 2 (Below).
2. RESPOND TO EACH QUESTION ON PAGES 2, 3, & 4, AND
3. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM NO LATER THAN **MARCH 14, 2008** TO:

**Kerry Holzworth, Chairman
SSP Elementary School Science Award
300 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 332
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5503**

PART 2: (Please type or neatly print)

YOUR NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS (Cont.) _____

PHONE NUMBERS: SCHOOL _____ HOME _____

SIGNATURE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

A. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND including most recent postgraduate courses: Please include: COLLEGE MAJOR, COURSE DEGREE, CREDITS & YEAR.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B. NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING experience _____ and the areas of science that you have taught.

C. LIST YOUR MEMBERSHIPS in Professional, Educational, and Scientific Organizations and the extent of your involvement.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

D. HAVE YOU RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE TEACHING from your school, school district, state of PA, or a science/academic professional organization? If so, please list the organization that bestowed the recognition and describe the form(s) of recognition.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

E. WHAT SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES have you engaged in, either alone or with your students, and how does each activity promote science in your classroom? Unique or unusual activities or approaches are especially important.

F. WHO OR WHAT INSPIRED YOU to become an elementary school science teacher and how has that carried over to your classroom activities?

G. DESCRIBE A MOMENT IN YOUR SCIENCE-TEACHING CAREER, that stands out in your mind, where your effort(s) resulted in your students understanding importance and the relevance of science in their everyday lives.

PLEASE INCLUDE TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION. (At least one of the letters of recommendation should be from a **teacher** or **administrator** at your school).

SSP Membership Counties

(Pennsylvania)	(Ohio)	(West Virginia)
Adams	Belmont	Barbour
Allegheny	Columbiana	Braxton
Armstrong	Harrison	Brooke
Beaver	Jefferson	Calhoun
Bedford	Mahoning	Doddridge
Blair	Monroe	Gilmer
Butler		Hancock
Cambria		Harrison
Cameron		Lewis
Centre		Marion
Clarion		Marshall
Clearfield		Monongalia
Clinton		Ohio
Crawford		Plesants
Cumberland		Preston
Elk		Randolph
Fayette		Ritchie
Forest		Tucker
Franklin		Tyler
Fulton		Upshur
Greene		Webster
Huntingdon		Wetzel
Indiana		Wirt
Jefferson		Wood
Juniata		
Lawrence		
McKean		
Mercer		
Mifflin		
Perry		
Snyder		
Somerset		
Union		
Venango		
Warren		
Washington		
Westmoreland		
York		