



2023 Teacher Awards

Overview

The ASTA Teacher Awards recognise outstanding contributions made by classroom teachers to science education. Each state and territory Science Teachers Association may nominate two finalists in total – one nomination for each of the two judging categories.

Finalists will be chosen for their excellence in teaching, their support of open-ended student investigations and their suitability to represent their state or territory. All finalists will receive a certificate of recognition. First prize in each category will also receive prize money.

Category Prizes

- 1st prize: ASTA Teacher Award (\$1,200)
- 1st prize: 'Passionately Curious' Regional Teacher Award (\$800)

Entry Requirements

The ASTA Teacher Awards are open to Australian permanent residents who are primary or secondary teachers of science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM), currently teaching in the classroom (minimum teaching load 50%). Only one application per category per STA is permitted and the STA President must validate each entry.

Submissions must include the following supporting documentation:

1. Teacher Professional Statement – A teacher declaration, showing acceptance of the nomination, support from the relevant supervisor and confirmation from an authorised STA representative;
2. A recent headshot photograph suitable for publication;
3. A signed Media Consent form, allowing ASTA to use finalist names and photos on our website and our social media.

Please provide your completed supporting documents to your nominating STA. STAs will submit their nominations into the ASTA Teacher Awards portal along with the nominated teacher's completed supporting documentation.

Teacher Professional Statement

Nominee: _____ STA: _____

Please provide an outline of your relevant work experience (200 words max)

Please describe how you demonstrate excellence in your teaching (100-200 words)

Please describe how you support open-ended student investigations in your classroom (100-200 words)

Please describe why you believe you would be suitable to represent your state or territory (100-200 words)

Nominee's Declaration

I, the below signed, accept my nomination for the ASTA Teacher Awards, and declare the information provided in this Teacher Professional Statement to be true and accurate.

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee signature *Date*

Supervisor Acknowledgement

I, the below signed, as the nominee's supervisor, acknowledge and support their nomination for the ASTA Teacher Awards.

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Position: _____

Supervisor signature *Date*

STA Confirmation

I, the below signed, confirm the nominee's STA nomination for the ASTA Teacher Awards.

Authorising Name: _____

Authorising Position: _____

STA Authorised signature *Date*