



THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

Purpose: To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Rocky Mountain Region. The Rocky Mountain Region consists of the following Local Sections in the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming: Central Arizona, Central New Mexico, Central Utah, Colorado, Salt Lake, Southern Arizona, and Wyoming.

Nature of Award: The Region Award consists of a cash award and a plaque. Reasonable travel expenses to the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. A certificate/plaque may also be provided to the recipient's institution for display. In some cases, the awardee may be asked to give a keynote address and/or participate in a symposium with other teachers.

Rules of Eligibility: Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee, may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local Sections within the Region are especially encouraged to submit nominations for the award. The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry or a chemical science in a high school (grades 9–12) on at least a half time basis. The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes as possible:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching; unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or in a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.
- A nominee may stay in the pool for the NOR award for three years; however, updated nomination forms must be submitted in each of the two following years. Although a nominee remains in the pool, new nominations are encouraged each year.

Required components:

1. A complete application that consists of the Nominee Information Form, the Nominator Information Form, the Nominator Recommendation of not more than 1,000 words submitted by the nominator according to the guidelines outlined on the Recommendation Form.
2. A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence or service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.
3. At least one, but not more than three, letter of support. One must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor. Additional letter of support may be sent by colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students and parents or former students.

Instructions: Submit nominations to Dr. Steven Wood by e-mail attachment to sgwood@chem.byu.edu by March 21, 2008.

NOMINATION FORM

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Deadline: March 15, 2008

Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or current students, may nominate or support *only* one nominee during any given award year. Submit to Dr. Steven Wood via e-mail (sgwood@chem.byu.edu) as an attachment, or send hard copy to:

Dr. Steven Wood
Brigham Young University
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
C100 Benson Science Building
Provo, UT 84602
Phone: (801) 422-8697
Fax: (801) 422-0153

The award will be presented at the 63rd Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting of the ACS, which will be held on June 14-17, 2008 in Park City, Utah.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:	
Company or Institutional Affiliation:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Relationship to Nominee:	

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:	
Present Position (Exact Title):	
School:	
Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
e-mail:	
Website:	

- Give your current teaching assignment including course titles and grade levels. What is your involvement in extracurricular activities.

- On a separate sheet, provide a statement of not more than 500 words in which you present your teaching philosophy or otherwise describe your commitment to the profession.

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RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT OF NOMINATOR

Submit a narrative statement of no more than 1,000 words that describes and comment upon the following:

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