



# ANGELA AWARD

Sponsored by the National Science Teaching Association

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Established in honor of Dr. Gerry Wheeler, for his outstanding dedication to NSTA and lifelong commitment to science education and towards encouraging girls to consider careers in STEM. The award recognizes one female student in grades 5-8 who has shown excellence of involvement and/or has strong connections to science; evidence of sustained accomplishments or progress/interest in science; and evidence that the student's interest in science has impacted others.

## AWARD

This award consists of a \$500 cash prize.

## ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to any female student in grades 5 – 8, who is a resident of the United States, US Territories, or Canada, and is enrolled full time in public, private, or home school. NSTA employees, NSTA Board and Council members, award judges and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

## CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- ★ Excellence of involvement or strong connection to science is the main criteria for selection of the recipient.
- ★ Extent of involvement in and passion for science
- ★ Evidence of sustained accomplishments or progress/interest in science
- ★ Evidence that the student's interest in science has impacted others
- ★ Quality of support materials

## REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Letter of nomination from teacher, parent, school administrator, or community leader
- ★ An essay written by the student about her interest and involvement in science (up to 500 words)
- ★ Student is encouraged to include in essay future aspirations in science
- ★ Two letters of support from individuals who can give evidence of how the student meets the specific criteria for this award. Letters must not exceed two pages each and must accompany packet.
- ★ Up to two pages of support materials are required; e.g. photographs, news articles, science projects, etc.

## Checklist Prior to Uploading Application

Occasionally, we receive entries that are incomplete or in which the applicant did not follow the specified guidelines. Please be sure to read all qualifications carefully to be sure you are eligible. Entries that do not follow the stated rules for submission are disqualified, regardless of the merit or innovation of the entry. Make sure you and a colleague review the checklist below before sending in your application so you can ensure that your efforts will not be disqualified. Ensure that your application communicates the information you intend. Don't forget to check for correct spelling and accurate word counts.

You will be asked to upload the following components when applying:

- Letter of nomination from teacher, parent, school administrator, or community leader
- An essay, written by the student, about her interests, involvement in science and future aspirations in science (up to 500 words)
- Two letters of support from individuals who can give evidence of how the student meets the specific criteria for this award. Letters must not exceed two pages each and must accompany packet.
- Up to two pages of support materials are required; e.g. photographs, news articles, science projects, etc. Please be advised that you may apply for more than one award; however, you are eligible to win only one NSTA award per year. Each application must be based on a unique program and process. Submission of the same idea and materials to different NSTA award programs will result in the disqualification of all applications. If your idea or project has received an NSTA award in the past, that idea or project is not eligible to receive an additional award.

If you are selected to receive an award, NSTA must request and receive your social security number to issue a 1099 form to you. If your program is currently grant funded, confirm that you, as an individual, are eligible to receive a cash award. Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of NSTA. If you have received an award for this project from another provider, you must notify NSTA.

If your application is selected to receive an award, NSTA reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/ other content in promotional materials and on the NSTA website. By submitting materials that contain images of students and other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to NSTA.

Upon receipt, all submissions become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received by December 19th. Applications may only be submitted via the online submission form found at <https://www.nsta.org/awards>. Questions? Please feel free to e-mail [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).

\*\*Please note, distribution of this award is contingent upon successful negotiation with the sponsor for continued support.