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2012 K-12 GEOSCIENCE TEACHING AWARD

\$500

Call for Applications for 2011 - 2012 NCGS Competition

The Northern California Geological Society (NCGS) invites applications from candidates in the Northern California for 2011-2012 K-12 Geoscience Teaching Award. Applications may be submitted by any teacher regardless of experience. Entries will be judged in two categories: Grades K-8 and Grades 9-12

Applications should address teaching of units covering any of the earth or environmental sciences, including but not limited to mineralogy, petrology, economic geology, geomorphology, paleontology, hydrology, and planetary geology are invited from physical science, earth science, and geology teachers.

The deadline for application submittal by candidates for the \$500 NCGS award is Monday, January 16, 2012. **The application process is simple (see Application Information and Application Form).**

The winner will receive a \$500 award at a Northern California Geological Society meeting in Orinda in late February 2012.

Interested candidates can request an *Application Information* and an *Entrant Application Form* or submit an application by contacting:

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Chair, K – 12 Geosciences Education Committee
Northern California Geological Society
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**Application Information for
2012 K-12 GEOSCIENCE TEACHING AWARD**

The Northern California Geological Society will award \$500 to an individual teacher *for excellence in the teaching of earth or environmental sciences*.

Requirements:

1. Full-time teaching experience at any K-12 level.
2. Teaching an earth or environmental sciences program of at least one unit per year.
3. Teaching should include units that satisfy California State Standards for earth and/or environmental sciences
4. Entries should include the teacher's philosophy of teaching earth or environmental sciences (both content and pedagogy), a description of the program and a letter of recommendation from a colleague or an administrator.
5. Program will be evaluated on depth and breadth of content, creativity of presentation and balanced treatment of information regarding societal need and environmental issues, relative to appropriate grade level. Please include the length of the unit.

Entry Guidelines:

All documents must be provided and signatures are required on the cover sheet. Single or double spaced lines on one side only of typed, ink jet, or laser quality printing required. All decisions of the judging panels are final.

Please note the checklist below:

- Cover sheet with original signatures.
- Teacher's philosophy of the teaching of natural resources, separate from unit description (up to 2 pages).
- Description of unit including program objectives and relationship to overall science program (up to 2 pages).
- Letter of recommendation (1 page).

Do not submit multimedia such as videotapes, computer disks, photos, photo albums, or posters unless requested.

Important Notice:

All entries must be received no later than January 16, 2012. Facsimile and other electric entry forms will accepted. Membership in NCGS is not required for entry.

Entrant Information Cover Sheet

NCGS Application Form
2012 K-12 GEOSCIENCE TEACHING AWARD

Print or type all information:

Name _____ School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Numbers (home) _____ (work) _____ (fax) _____

E-mail _____

Current position and grades taught _____

Number of years in teaching _____ Other subjects taught _____

Degree and year _____ School _____

The above information and information contained in this entry is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I understand that \$500 award will be made directly to me and that I am responsible for all taxes due as a result of this portion of the award. If I am selected as a winner, I hereby give my consent to use my name and photograph for publicity purposes only.

Signature _____ Date _____

Entries must be received by January 16, 2012.

Attach this form to the top of your entry. Mail original entry and two copies to:

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