



STEM Teachers of the Year

Call for Nominations

The Northwest Florida Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) is proud to announce it is accepting nominations for STEM Teachers of the Year (TOY). The purpose of our annual program is to recognize classroom teachers at the section level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This is a unique opportunity for us to reward special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure. If you are such a teacher or know of an outstanding elementary, middle, or high school educator who is really making STEM an emphasis in their daily classroom instruction, we invite you to complete a nomination form for our award.

To be an eligible candidate for NWF AIAA Section STEM TOY, the nominee must be a current elementary, middle, or high school grade teacher and an AIAA Educator Associate Member. Educators may join, at no cost, by visiting www.aiaa.org/educator. AIAA elected officers, voting board members, employees, and their immediate family members (spouse/children) are not eligible for this recognition.

The Section AIAA STEM Teachers of the Year nomination package should contain:

1. A one-page narrative of the teacher's accomplishments and achievements in support of STEM and the impact of these activities on the students.
2. A one-page collection of newspaper articles, other documents, and/or photos that include the teacher with students completing STEM activities (ensure students in photos have media release permission for use).
3. A letter of recommendation/support from the school principal or higher.

The nomination package must include these items and be in this format to be considered. **The completed nomination packages must be electronically transmitted to Rick Soria at soriarv@yahoo.com no later than COB January 25, 2019.**

The NWF AIAA Section Executive Board will review the nominations and select a winner in each category (Elementary School, grades K-5; Middle School, grades 6-8; and High School, grades 9-12). The winner in each category will be announced at the annual *Northwest Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair* awards ceremony (February 5, 2019). Winners will be presented with a certificate and a check for \$100. If unable to attend, the certificate and check will be mailed to each of the winners.

The Northwest Florida AIAA section appreciates what teachers do. Although all teachers are making a difference in the lives of their students, please help us recognize the teachers who are making a difference in STEM education.