



Connecticut Science Teachers Association

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE EDUCATOR FELLOW (CSEF) AWARD

The Connecticut Science Educator Fellow (CSEF) Award is the highest and most prestigious award given by the Connecticut Science Teachers Association (CSTA) to a science teacher who has given sustained and outstanding service to science education in Connecticut. It is bestowed annually to an individual who has:

- (1) Been previously recognized for exemplary science teaching,
- (2) Provided active and sustained service to one or more state science organizations, and
- (3) Has taught for at least twenty years.

Examples of previous recognition for outstanding science teaching:

Celebration of Excellence Award(s)
CSTA Excellence in Science Teaching Award
NABT Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year Award (OBTA)
NSTA Awards for Teaching
Presidential Award Winner (or one of the three state nominees for that award)

Examples of service to state science organizations (e.g., CSSA, CSTA and/or its affiliates [i.e., CESTA, CPT, CBT]):

Officer, CSSA or CSTA (and/or affiliates)
Member, CSTA Board of Directors
Member, CSSA Board of Directors
Chairperson for one or more committees of CSSA or CSTA (and/or its affiliates)
Chair or committee member, Elementary Science Day (ESD)
Presenter of workshops for students and/or teachers
Publications for students and/or teachers.

Teaching Experience: At least twenty years.

Nomination by one or more current members of CSSA or CSTA (and/or its affiliates)

Approval: By a 90% vote of CSTA Award Committee members (usually and preferably by unanimous acclamation)

Award: A commemorative plaque and a silver CSEF pin are presented at the annual Award Banquet by the current president of CSTA and/or the Award Committee chairperson (with as many previous CSEF recipients present as possible).