2020 SMECO Outstanding Teachers Awards – Middle School Science Nominations

Criteria and Guidelines

The SMECO Outstanding Mathematics, Science and STEM Awards – Recognizing outstanding teachers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Integration (including CTE) – are presented to classroom teachers who meet the criteria listed below:

Criteria:

1. Teachers must have a current standard Maryland teaching certificate and teach Science at a middle school served by SMECO.

2. Teachers must have tenure within their county.

3. Teachers or nominator are required to submit supporting documentation that demonstrates the candidate's effectiveness as a teacher. The following documentation is required:
   - A narrative limited to two pages on "How my classroom instruction reflects the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards for Literacy in the Science classroom"
   - Lesson plans or unit plans
   - The nominee information sheet
   - A copy of his/her teaching certificate
   - Letter of recommendation from the school principal
   - Any other supporting documentation.

4. Failure to include the above documents will result in the packet not being considered. Nominees are strongly encouraged to include as many artifacts as possible such as photographs, parent letters of recommendation or commendation, photographs, or displays.

General Guidelines:

A. Teachers may be nominated by parents, current or former students, school principal, fellow educators, community members, or administrators. Teachers may also nominate themselves.

B. Interested teachers or those interested in nominating a teacher must complete the application packet and submit it to the appropriate curriculum supervisor (see list below) by Friday, January 31, 2020.
C. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges. A site visit may be conducted with each nominee.

D. Winners of the last five years are not eligible.

E. Electronic submissions are not acceptable.

Completed application packets are to be sent to the appropriate curriculum supervisor by **Friday, January 31, 2020**.

*Calvert County:* Yovonda Kolo, Janel McPhillips  
*Charles County:* Leigh Ann Anderson or Ian Buter  
*St. Mary’s County:* Jason Hayes  
*Prince George’s:* Natalie Cotton at P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, MD 20637