

2026 S.T.E.M. Excellence in Teaching Awards Application

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AND HELP US RECOGNIZE THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND PRE-ENGINEERING!

Sponsored by: New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers



Nominations Due: April 24, 2026

Our future engineers and scientists will shape the progress of humankind in all aspects of society. Teachers of today are instrumental in shaping our future leaders, engineers and scientists and providing them with the tools, knowledge and principles required for success. Recognition of excellence in education is critical to support the continuous efforts of New Hampshire's outstanding teachers.

Three Awards

Elementary (1-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)

The Awards recognize excellence in the teaching of S.T.E.M in New Hampshire schools as evidenced by creativity, innovation, integration of programs, and learning effectiveness.

"Excellence" can be described as the creative use of class materials and teaching methods; the development of innovative curricula, materials or class activities; the integration of extra-curricular programs; and/or the involvement of professional organizations to help promote interest and learning in mathematics, science or pre-engineering curriculums.

Award nominations are made by PTO/PTA's, teaching colleagues, school administrators, or others by submitting the attached form. Nominations must be submitted with three (3) letters of reference in Adobe PDF or Microsoft WORD format to: Nicole Duquette by email at nduquette@mclurevision.com or in hardcopy to NSPE-NH, Attn: Teacher's Award, PO Box 1343, Concord NH. 03302-1343.

The Award Committee, comprised of one representative from each Sponsoring Organization, will make the final decision by consensus and recommend one proposed award recipient at each teaching level to the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE-NH). NSPE-NH will notify award recipients on behalf of the sponsoring organizations. NSPE-NH will also send a letter to each nominee extending congratulations on their nomination for this statewide award.

The Awards will be presented at the award winner's school at a mutually agreeable time, preferably in May 2026. Awards include a **plaque** bearing the name of the recipient and a **cash stipend**. Press releases will be issued in local and statewide newspapers. Visit <https://www.nspe-nh.org/programs/teacher-awards> to see previous recipients.

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Nomination Form / Instructions

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NOMINATION

Nominee: _____ Grade(s) Taught: _____
Last Name First Name

School: _____ Elem MS HS

Years Teaching at the Above-Named Institution _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Nominator Email: _____

Degree Information:

Degree	Major	Institution	Date

Nominator: _____
Signature Title

The nominator and two (2) other reference letters must be signed and contain contact information including your email address, if available.

As a guideline, in letter format, please provide the following in the reference letter(s):

Describe the nominee by explaining your relationship to the nominee; indicate how long you have known the nominee and how many years teaching experience the nominee has. Describe the nominee’s math, science, technology or pre-engineering teaching capabilities and experience. Describe the nominee’s unique activities that involve math, science, technology or pre-engineering teaching and learning or projects, being specific regarding the unique activities pertaining to the areas of excellence described on the brochure. Describe civic and other volunteer activities. Include any other comments that you feel will contribute to better “knowing” the nominee.

Submit the nominations in PDF or WORD format by email to:

Nicole Duquette at: nduquette@mcclurevision.com

Or mail to:
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APPLICANT ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Month/Year to Month/Year (Most Recent First)	Activity	Significant Contributions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO CURRENT POSITION:

Month/Year to Month/Year (Most Recent First)	School Name Name of Supervisor/Tel/ No.	Position

STEM LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS:

May or may not be academic-related. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Month/Year	Name of Leadership Activity, Honor, or Award	Explanation of Activity, Honor, or Award

The following criteria will be utilized by the ranking committee for the selection of award recipients:

- Reference Letters (15 points max for each letter) 45 Points Max.
 - Volunteer Activities 20 Points Max.
 - Teaching Experience 15 Points Max.
 - STEM Leadership/Honors/Awards 20 Points Max.
- Total: 100 Points**