



# **Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award**

## **2017 Application Packet**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

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## BACKGROUND

Bob Thompson was a dedicated teacher, friend, and proponent of science and energy education. His time at NEED enriched many, encouraged all, and improved the way we present and teach about energy in our curriculum and training workshops. Bob was a good friend to many here at NEED and he and his spirit live on in our work. Because of this, NEED has established the Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award that will be given each year to a teacher who exemplifies Bob's childlike wonder of science and energy.

The award includes a \$1,000 cash grant to the teacher to use as he/she chooses in the classroom and an all-expenses paid trip to the NEED Energy Conference for Educators hosted each July. The award will be given at the Annual NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards in Washington, D.C. each June.

In 2017 the dates the recipient will need to be available to participate:

June 23-26, 2017      NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards – Washington, D.C.

July, 2017              NEED Energy Conference for Educators – Milwaukee, WI

## Have a teacher to nominate? Want to apply?

- Deadline for applications is February 1, 2017.
- Be sure that if you apply, you are able to attend the Award Ceremony on June 26 and the NEED Conference in July?

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must be:
  1. Currently teaching (and will in the next school year) science in a K-12 classroom (public, private, charter)
  2. Engaged in the teaching of energy in the classroom and/or local community
  3. Dedicated to the idea that a *kids teaching kids* approach to education is valuable and showcase this dedication in the classroom
  4. An energy nerd – believing that energy is fun, cool, and an unifying theme in science
  5. Fun and possess an inquisitive mind, playful spirit, and desire for life-long learning

## Application/Nomination Procedures

Candidates should submit applications/nominations no later than **February 1, 2017** to Mary Spruill, Executive Director, The NEED Project. Email to: [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org) or fax to 800-847-1820.

Applications/Nomination Package should include:

1. **Cover Letter** and Narrative Detailing why the individual teacher is applying or nominated (see eligibility requirements for guidance) – Limit: 2 type written pages
2. **Completed Application Form**
3. **Two Recommendations** (keep it simple) from a colleague/administrator and a student and/or classroom parent.
4. Email one high quality digital **photo** to [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org). \*\*Even better if the photo showcases the individual's work with students.

Submit all files to Mary Spruill via email [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org) by 5 p.m. February 1, 2017  
Please put "Bob Thompson Award" in the subject line.

## Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award – Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

If a nomination:

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Other notes: