



2021 Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award Application

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 both NEED's Annual Youth Energy Conference and Awards in June and the National Energy Conference for Educators in July.

2021 dates the recipient will need to be available to participate:

- June 25-28, 2021 - NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards – Washington, D.C.
- July 18-22, 2021 - NEED National Energy Conference for Educators – Albuquerque, NM

Applications must be received by February 1, 2021.

Please note that the selected Bob Thompson Award winner will need to be able to attend the Youth Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 28th and the NEED National Energy Conference in July. While both of these events are planned to be in-person, NEED is closely monitoring COVID-19 and will notify the winner of any changes made to these events.

* I am:

- The applicant applying for this award
- Nominating a teacher for this award

If completing this as a nomination:

Your first and last name:

Your relationship to the nominee:



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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 a unifying theme in science.
5. Fun and possess an inquisitive mind, playful spirit, and desire for life-long learning.



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Application Procedures

Deadline to apply or nominate a teacher is by February 1, 2021.

Within this online application you will need to upload:

- **Cover Letter and Narrative detailing why the individual teacher is applying or nominated (see eligibility requirements for guidance) – Limited to 2 pages**
- **Two Recommendations (keep it simple) from a colleague/administrator and a student and/or classroom parent.**
- **One high quality digital photo **Even better if the photo showcases the individual's work with students.**



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Application

Applications due by February 1, 2021.

* Contact Information of Applicant/Nominee:

First Name:

Last Name:

School:

School Address:

School City:

School State:

School Zip:

County:

District:

School Phone
(xxx) xxx-xxxx:

Email:

Home Address:

Home City:

Home State:

Home Zip:

Mobile Phone
(xxx) xxx-xxxx:



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Cover Letter and Narrative

Cover Letter and Narrative detailing why the individual teacher is applying or being nominated. Limit to 2 pages, please.

* Cover Letter and Narrative (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

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Recommendations

Two letters of recommendation from a colleague/administrator and a student and/or classroom parent (keep it simple).

* First Letter (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

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* Second Letter (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

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Photo

* Please upload one high quality photo of the applicant/nominee. Even better if the photo showcases the individuals work with students (PNG, JPG, JPEG).

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