



2024 Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award Application

Thank you for your interest in applying or nominating someone for the NEED Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Education Award!

Please note before proceeding that the following items are required for a complete application to be considered:

- 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 parent of student.
- One high quality digital photo **Even better if the photo showcases the individual's work with students.

If nominating, we still need a cover letter and narrative detailing why you are nominating the individual and one high quality digital photo of the person who being nominated.

Please be prepared to submit this form in one sitting. Unfortunately, you do not have the option to save the form and return to it at a later time. Applications must be received by February 1, 2024.



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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 NEED's annual National Energy Conference for Educators in July.

* I am:

- Applying for the award myself
- Nominating an educator for this award

If completing this as a **nomination**:

**Only fill this information out if you are *nominating someone*, not if you are the applicant applying yourself for the award.

Your first and last name:

Your relationship to the nominee:

Your Email Address:

Nominees Email Address:



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be:

1. Currently teaching (and will in the next school year) PreK-12 STEM educator.
2. Engaged in the teaching of energy in the school and/or local community.
3. Dedicated to the idea that a *Kids Teaching Kids* approach to education is valuable and showcases this dedication with students.
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**.

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 parent of student.
- One high quality digital photo ****Even better if the photo showcases the individual’s work with students, but make sure it shows the person's face please!**

NOTE: If you are nominating an educator for this award, we still need a cover letter/narrative detailing why you are nominating the person, recommendation letters, and a photo.



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Application

Applications due by February 1.

*** Contact Information:**

If you are the applicant, provide your information below.

If you are nominating someone, provide their information below:

First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
School:	<input type="text"/>
School Address:	<input type="text"/>
School City:	<input type="text"/>
School State:	<input type="text"/>
School Zip:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>
District:	<input type="text"/>
School Phone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Home Address:	<input type="text"/>
Home City:	<input type="text"/>
Home State:	<input type="text"/>
Home Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Phone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:	<input type="text"/>

Does the person you are nominating (or if you are applying, yourself) have any previous involvement with The NEED Project? Example - attending a NEED energy workshop or our annual NEED National Energy Conference.

Please note that having no prior experience with NEED does **NOT** impact your application/nomination in any way!



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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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No file chosen



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Recommendations

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

* First Letter (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

No file chosen

* Second Letter (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

No file chosen



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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 but please select a photo with a good view of the person's face (PNG, JPG, JPEG).

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No file chosen