



2027 Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award Application

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

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 check and an all-expenses paid trip to NEED's annual National Energy Conference for Educators in July.

The 2027 National Energy Conference is taking place July 11-15 in Nashville, TN

Conference Website: <https://www.need.org/educators/national-energy-conference-for-educators/>.

Candidates must be:

- Currently teaching (and will in the next school year) K-12 STEM educator.
- Engaged in the teaching of energy in the school and/or local community.
- Dedicated to the idea that a Kids Teaching Kids approach to education is valuable and showcases this dedication with students.
- An energy nerd – believing that energy is fun, cool, and a unifying theme in science.
- 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 February 1, 2027.

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.

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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* I am:

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



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Nomination

Nominations are due February 1st.

* Your Contact Information:

Your First Name:	
Your Last Name:	
Your Email Address:	
Your relationship to the nominee:	

* Nominee Information:

If you are nominating someone, provide their information below:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Pronouns:	
Email Address:	
Mobile Phone Number:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
School City:	
School State:	
School Zip:	
School District:	

*** Does the person you are nominating have any previous involvement with The NEED Project?**

For 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 their nomination in any way!



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Application

Applications must be completed and submitted by the due date of February 1st to be considered.

* Contact Information:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Pronouns:	
Email Address:	
Mobile Phone Number:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
School City:	
School State:	
School Zip:	
School District:	
Home Address:	
Home City:	
Home State:	
Home Zip:	

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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):

Choose File

Choose File

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):

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

* Second Letter (PDF, DOC, DOCX):

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen



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Photo

* Please upload one high quality photo of the applicant/nominee (PNG, JPG, JPEG).

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen