



**CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR
SCIENCE FAIR TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2009 NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Received by Thursday, May 7

Description: The California State Science Fair Teacher of the Year is the science teacher who has been most inspirational to 6th - 12th grade students participating in the California State Science Fair by encouraging students to develop a science fair project and to pursue their interest in science as a career. One award will be presented in each division (Junior and Senior).

Eligibility:

- The nominee must have been a teacher during the current academic year at the 6th - 12th grade level at a public or private school in California.
- The teacher must have counseled a student at his/her school and provided resource support on a science project that is entered in the current California State Science Fair. This teacher should be named as the nominating student's advisor on his/her application to the State Science Fair.

Directions: A completed nomination for this Award consists of:

- The nomination form on the reverse side of this page (pg. 22), filled out by a student who is an accepted participant in the California State Science Fair; and
- A separate letter of recommendation written by the school principal or department chair. This statement must be no longer than one page and should focus on the teacher's commitment to science education, ability to motivate students, and special efforts demonstrated to advance excellence in science education. The letter should also address the nominee's specific contribution to promoting positive science fair participation. The nomination form and recommendation may be submitted either together or separately.

Incomplete nominations (*e.g.* missing letter of recommendation) will not be considered. Both the nomination form and the letter of recommendation must be received by the Nomination Deadline given above. Regional or county fair coordinators may also encourage the nomination of teachers but must have the nomination form filled out by a student entered in the California State Science Fair. Both the nomination form and the recommendation must be sent to:

Science Fair Teacher of the Year Award
California State Science Fair
California Science Center
700 Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Procedure: Based upon the nominations and recommendations, a maximum of three finalists from each division will be chosen. The selection committee will notify all finalists by phone in advance of the Fair. Nominees who are not selected as finalists will not be notified of the status of their nomination.

Teachers selected as finalists must be available for a personal interview in Los Angeles on the day of the California State Science Fair. These interviews will be conducted by a panel representing the California Science Teachers Association, the California Science Center, The MUSES, and educators.

Winners will be announced at the California State Science Fair Awards Ceremony.



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NAME OF TEACHER BEING NOMINATED	NAME OF STUDENT MAKING THIS NOMINATION	GRADE
NAME OF SCHOOL		
SCHOOL ADDRESS		
CITY	ZIP	COUNTY
NAME OF PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER	
SUBJECT(S) NOW TEACHING		TEACHER'S HOME PHONE (for late contacts)

How has this teacher helped prepare you for the State Science Fair?

What other activities is your teacher involved in outside of normal teaching duties?

What impact has this teacher had in encouraging you and fellow students to pursue your interests in science beyond the classroom?