

Application Form for Montana Geological Society K-12 Earth Science Teacher of the Year Award*

**\$1000 award for successful applicant and eligibility to apply for additional awards up to \$8000 through the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)*

Qualifications for Nomination

- Teaching must be at a Montana accredited school, any level from K-12.
- Minimum 3 years teaching experience.
- Teach at least one unit per year on natural resources, defined as:
 - 1) Organic materials such as petroleum, natural gas, and coal,
 - 2) Inorganic substances such as mineral ores, building stone and aggregates,
 - 3) Energy resources from the earth such as geothermal energy.
- Teaching should relate to the scientific study of natural resources, and may include their origin, extraction, historic use, and present use.
- Teaching should also include the use of earth science for decision making related to the preservation of the environment, reclamation, and conservation of resources.

Teacher Contact Information

Name of Teacher	
School	
School Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Teacher Information

Current Position	
Grades Taught	
Number of Years Teaching	
Degree(s) Earned	

Letter of Support

Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Relationship to Nominee	

Applicant's Statement

Please attach a short, succinct statement (no more than 500 words) describing your qualifications. In the statement, please discuss, with regard to the natural resources unit, your:

- Teaching philosophy
- Methods
- Course content
- Creative or innovative projects
- Ability to balance economic, societal, and environmental issues
- Objectivity
- Class size(s)

Letter of Support

Include one letter of support from an administrator, fellow teacher, or other person/organization familiar with your teaching philosophy and style. The letter should describe the applicant's qualifications as "Teacher of the Year" in Earth Sciences. We are particularly interested in what the applicant does to promote geologic education and increase student interest in geology. The statement should include the applicant's name, be signed by the letter's author, and should be returned with the rest of this application form.

MGS can accept applications in any standard format by email to:
montanageologicalsociety@gmail.com

2025 Deadline: Nominations must be RECEIVED by midnight, April 30, 2025
MGS expects an award to be made by May 15, 2025.