

Vannevar Bush Award

Honoring Lifelong Leadership in Science and Technology and Contributions to the Nation through Public Service

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The Vannevar Bush Award honors truly exceptional lifelong leaders in science and technology who have made substantial contributions to the welfare of the Nation through public service activities in science, technology, and public policy. The award was established in 1980 in the memory of Vannevar Bush, who served as a science advisor to President Franklin Roosevelt during World War II, helped to establish Federal funding for science and engineering as a national priority during peacetime, and was behind the creation of the National Science Foundation.



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ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates for the Vannevar Bush Award should have demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishment in meeting at least two of the following selection criteria:

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens.
- Distinguished himself/herself through public service activities in science and technology.
- Pioneered the exploration, charting, and settlement of new frontiers in science, technology, education, and public service.
- Demonstrated leadership and creativity that have inspired others to distinguished careers in science and technology.
- Contributed to the welfare of the Nation and mankind through activities in science and technology.
- Demonstrated leadership and creativity that has helped mold the history of advancements in the Nation's science, technology, and education.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations must include:

1. A current curriculum vita without publications (no more than 5 pages).
2. A narrative statement (no more than 8 pages) addressing the candidate's activities and contributions related to the selection criteria.
3. A proposed award citation addressing the candidate's activities in and contributions to national public service activities in science, technology, and public policy.
4. Contact information for award candidate and nominator (mailing address, email address, and phone number).

5. Two reference letters (no more than 2 pages each) from individuals familiar with the candidate's accomplishments, and not affiliated with the candidate's home institution. Letters should be submitted by email to nsbawards@nsf.gov (<mailto:nsbawards@nsf.gov>) on letterhead as a PDF file.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Please Submit Nominations by email to nsbawards@nsf.gov (<mailto:nsbawards@nsf.gov>)

INQUIRIES

For questions concerning the award, please contact Kathy Jacquart at kjacquar@nsf.gov (<mailto:kjacquar@nsf.gov>), 703-292-5118.

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