

# Public Service Award

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*Honoring Service in promoting Public Understanding of Science and Engineering*

***The National Science Board is no longer accepting nominations for its 2018 Honorary Awards. Please return for information on 2019 nominations in summer 2018.***

The National Science Board Public Service Award honors individuals and groups that have made substantial contributions to increasing public understanding of science and engineering in the United States. These contributions may be in a wide variety of areas that have the potential of contributing to public understanding of and appreciation for science and engineering – including mass media, education and/or training programs, and entertainment.

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## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

Candidates for the NSB Public Service Award should have demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishment in meeting the following selection criteria:

- Increased the public's understanding of the processes of science and engineering through scientific discovery, innovation, and its communication to the public.
- Encouraged others to help raise the public understanding of science and technology.
- Promoted the engagement of scientists and engineers in public outreach and scientific literacy.
- Contributed to the development of broad science and engineering policy and its support.
- Influenced and encouraged the next generation of scientists and engineers.
- Achieved broad recognition outside of the candidate's area of specialization.
- Fostered awareness of science and technology among broad segments of the population.

*Please note that Members of the U.S. Government are not eligible for this award.*

## **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

**Nominations for an individual must include:**

1. A current curriculum vita without publications (no more than 3 pages).
2. A narrative statement (no more than 5 pages) addressing the following:
  - a. the candidate's public service activities in science and engineering, and
  - b. the candidate's contributions to public understanding of science and engineering, as they relate to the selection criteria.
3. Contact information of candidate and nominator (mailing address, email address, phone number).

**Nominations for a group must include:**

1. A narrative statement (no more than 5 pages) addressing the following:

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## Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements

### Privacy Act Statement

The information requested on the application materials is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. It will be used in connection with the selection of qualified applicants and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process, and to government contractors as necessary to complete assigned work, and to a court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the government is a party.

Notice of the decision may be given to nominators, and disclosure may be made of awardees' names, home institutions, and field of study for public information purposes including press releases. See Systems of Records, NSF-12, "Fellowships and Other Awards," 63 Federal Register 265 (January 5, 1998). Submission of the information is voluntary; however, failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of receiving an award.

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- a. the group's activities, and how it accomplishes the selection criteria for the award,
  - b. length of years of the program,
  - c. number and type of individuals served by the group's activities; and
  - d. data on the success of the program (if available).
2. Contact information of candidate and nominator (mailing address, email address, phone number).

**Reference letters are optional**, and up to 3 letters (no more than 2 pages each) may be submitted on letterhead as a PDF file.

### **SUBMIT A NOMINATION**

Please submit nominations by email to: **[nsbawards@nsf.gov](mailto: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)** (**<mailto:kjacquar@nsf.gov>**), 703-292-5118.

