

FAST Travel Grants to 2009 NSTA Area Conference

Travel Grants for teachers to attend the NSTA Area Conference in Fort Lauderdale may be awarded. Elementary school teachers (K-5), Middle school teachers (6-8) and High school teachers (9-12) may be selected. Recipients of the grant will be notified by October 15, 2009, of their selection. They will be required to submit a report on their NSTA sessions and workshop experiences, along with their receipts for reimbursement by no later than November 30, 2009. The FAST Treasurer will send a check to each recipient upon receipt of these materials.

Cost

Each recipient of the grant will be reimbursed up to \$500 after the conference. This will help cover the cost of registration, room, and transportation to attend the NSTA Area Conference. Any additional monetary expenses over the \$500 grant that are incurred by the recipient will be at their own expense. It is hoped that if additional funding is necessary the recipient may seek support from their principal or District for the additional funds, such as in-service dollars or other staff development sources of funding.

Who May Apply

- Any current member of the Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST)
- Any full time classroom teacher currently certified and teaching in the State of Florida
- Teachers with less than 5 years experience teaching will be given preference
- Applicants must be teaching science at the time of the application and anticipate teaching science during the following year
- Applicants must be current members of FAST. Current FAST Board members and past recipients of this grant are not eligible

Interested teachers are invited to submit a proposal

- Use separate sheets of paper for each listed entry and submit the sheets of paper in the order stated below
- Entries must be type written, 12 point font, double spaced on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with 1 inch margins on each side
- Do not photo reduce any pages
- Any additional pages will disqualify the applicant
 1. Personal Information (1 page) - Teacher's name, home address, home telephone, fax, and e-mail address. Teacher's work location, Principal/Supervisor's name, school/work address, school/work telephone, fax, and e-mail. Essay stating what you hope to gain from the experience.
 2. Vita
 3. Copy of your teaching Certificate (1 page)
 4. Letter of Support from Principal (1 page) - The letter of support must include verification of current year teaching assignment, and commitment for release time and substitute pay.

Return all application materials by September 30, 2009 to:

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