



North Carolina Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) Award and the Outstanding Earth Science Educator (OESE) Award

The OEST and OESE awards recognize the exceptional efforts by North Carolina Teachers and Educators to inspire learning and interest in the earth sciences

Who should apply for the awards?

- Any earth science teacher or educator in North Carolina!
- The **OEST** category is for a classroom teacher at the middle school or high school level. Each state winner is automatically eligible to compete for the Sectional OEST award.
- The **OESE** category is for an educator in a non-secondary school setting such as: **elementary school**, museums, camps, community colleges, government agencies, industry, etc.
- Download the **Nomination Form** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/north-carolina-geological-survey/geoscience-education/outstanding-educators-awards>

The Prizes:

Each state level award includes a plaque, a gift certificate from the NCGS Store, and a monetary award. The awards are usually presented at the annual North Carolina Science Teachers Professional Development Institute (NCSTA-PDI). For information on the sectional OEST award prizes go to: http://nagt.org/nagt/programs/oest_handbook.html#awards

The Timeline:

Check the NCGS website <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/north-carolina-geological-survey/geoscience-education/outstanding-educators-awards> for updated information on what date nominations are due (usually March) and when to expect the winners to be announced (usually the following September).

North Carolina **OEST** and **OESE** nomination forms must be submitted by email or USPS to:

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