

## DUPONT PIONEER EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD

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### PROGRAM SUMMARY:

A partnership with DuPont Pioneer and the National Science Teachers Association, this award is to recognize excellence and innovation in the field of agricultural science education. One award will be awarded annually. The awardee will receive a \$5000 grant for their classroom/program, paid travel expenses to attend the NSTA national conference on science education, mentoring with a DuPont Pioneer scientist, classroom resources from DuPont Pioneer, and access to a DuPont Pioneer product plant or research facility. The awardee will be presented the award at the Teacher Awards Banquet at the National Conference.

### ELIGIBILITY:

This award is open to any K-12 science teacher who incorporates innovative agricultural science activities into their existing science curriculum.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

The demonstrated incorporation of hands-on agricultural science activities into the classroom, which include:

- ★ Effective planning skills which includes goals and objectives
- ★ Demonstrated impact and engagement of students
- ★ Opportunities for students to attain science standards
- ★ Description of how the award would be used to further their agricultural science program

### AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ Completed application form with signature.
- ★ A video up to twenty minutes (does not have to be continuous), with the teacher and students participating in an agricultural science activity. (YouTube link)
- ★ A two-page description of the activity with objectives, connections to standards and assessment, and a description of how the award would be used to further their program.
- ★ A one page CV describing teaching experience, professional development, professional activities and awards. (may be single spaced)
- ★ Three letters of recommendation, up to two pages each, must accompany the application.
- ★ All correspondence must be double spaced and in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Upon receipt, applications become property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned to applicants. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. All material must be submitted at the same time. Completed applications must be received by November 30. Electronic submission is preferred. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received an NSTA award? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, list year and award received? \_\_\_\_\_

School Population \_\_\_\_\_ School Type  Public  Private  DoD  Urban  Rural  Suburban

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the applicant is a full-time classroom teacher at the above referenced school, and the program described here has existed for one year or more and is ongoing. I fully support the submission of this application.

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send your original application and supporting materials to [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org)

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Questions? Please visit our website at [www.nsta.org/awards](http://www.nsta.org/awards) or e-mail [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).



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### SPONSORED BY DUPONT PIONEER CHECKLIST

Occasionally we receive entries that are incomplete or in which the applicant did not follow the specified guidelines. Entries that do not follow the stated rules for submission are disqualified, regardless of the merit or innovation of the entry. Make sure you and a colleague review the checklist below before sending in your application so you can ensure that your efforts will not be disqualified. Ensure that your application communicates the information you intend. Don't forget to check for correct spelling. All written components should be typed and double spaced, on standard 8-1/2" x 11" white paper, with 1" margins. The font is a standard 12-point size or larger. If you have questions regarding your application, please e-mail [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).

Complete the list and attach it to your application.

Each entry includes

- A completed DuPont Pioneer Excellence in Agricultural Science Education Award application form reflecting opportunities for students to attain science standards, signed by you and your principal.
- A video (YouTube link for viewing) up to twenty minutes (does not have to be continuous), with the teacher and students participating in an agricultural science activity.
- A description of the activity with objectives, connections to standards and assessment, and a description of how the award would be used to further their program
- Three (3) letters of recommendation up to two (2) pages each, from individuals and/or groups who are familiar with the work of the applicant.
- Attach a curriculum vita, not exceeding one (1) page, single-spaced.
- If mailed, application is bound together with a binder clip (no presentation binders).
- Include the completed application.
- Label each section and number each page.

Please be advised that you may apply for more than one award; however, you are eligible to win only one NSTA award per year. Each application must be based on a unique program and process. Submission of the same idea and materials to different NSTA award programs will result in the disqualification of all applications. If your idea or project has received an NSTA award in the past, that idea or project is not eligible to receive an additional award.

If you are selected to receive an award, NSTA must request and receive your social security number to issue a 1099 form to you. If your program is currently grant funded, confirm that you, as an individual, are eligible to receive a cash award. Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of NSTA. If you have received an award for this project from another provider, you must notify NSTA.

If your application is selected to receive an award, NSTA reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/other content in promotional material and on the NSTA website. By submitting material that contain images of students and other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to NSTA.



**NSTA AWARDS – 2014-15**  
**DuPont/Pioneer Excellence in Agricultural Science**  
**Education Award**  
**Official Scoring Guide**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria							Score
Completed application with signature.							YES or NO
Criteria	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Superior	Weight	Score
Video up to 20 minutes – Teacher and students participating in agriscience activity.	1	2	3	4	5	X 2	
Demonstrated incorporation of hands-on agriscience activities in the classroom	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Including: Effective planning skills (goals and objectives)	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Impact and engagement of students	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Opportunities for students to attain science standards	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Description of how the award would be used to further their agriscience program	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
CV – Includes the applicant’s teaching experience, professional activities, formal and continuing education, awards and published materials. (One page, single-sided, single-spaced only.)	1	2	3	4	5	X 1	
Letters of Support – Three letters of support. (Each letter must be no more than two pages, single-sided, single-spaced.)	1	2	3	4	5	X 3	

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_