

2026

Colorado State Science Fair, Inc.

## Science Teacher of the Year Award

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Nomination Packet

## **Introduction**

The Colorado State Science Fair, Inc. Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by Lockheed Martin was established out of the desire to honor teachers who demonstrate excellence in teaching in any of the many disciplines related to the sciences and engineering. The winning teacher will be given a grant to support student research facilitated by them and/or to fund programs in their district that would best enhance instruction in the sciences and engineering.

The winner of the Science Teacher of the Year Award will be asked to provide a written report to the Colorado State Science Fair, Inc. Board of Directors at the end of the following school year. The report should discuss how the award was used to promote science and engineering.

### **Eligibility:**

To be nominated, a teacher must:

- be actively teaching science or mathematics in grades 6 - 12 in the state of Colorado and
- support independent research by students and their competition in local, regional, and state science fairs.

### **Nomination Requirements:**

- Submit a completed nomination packet. The packet must be received by the March 1, 2026 deadline. Late nominations will not be accepted. Return to Courtney Butler, Executive Director:

*Via US Postal Service:*

P O Box 772  
Wellington, CO 80549-0772

*Via Email:*

[director@csefcolo.org](mailto:director@csefcolo.org) (pdf format only please)

- Complete the Nomination Form (to be completed by the Nominator). The Nomination form includes information on the Nominee, the Nominator's name, email and signature, the names and email addresses of the three individuals submitting letters of recommendation as well as a statement about the Nominee's teaching from the Nominator.
- Submit at minimum three (3) **signed** Letters of Recommendation (one student, one teacher, and one administrator - these letters must be from someone other than the nominator). All recommendation letters should address experience with 1) the nominee, 2) the nominee's teaching methods and innovation, and 3) his/her impact on students and the teaching profession.

### **Review Process:**

Nomination packets will be reviewed by the CSEF Committee of the Colorado State Science Fair, Inc. Board of Directors.

For questions contact:

Courtney Gooding  
970-222-4418  
[director@csefcolo.org](mailto:director@csefcolo.org)

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Nominee's Last Name

**2026 Colorado State Science Fair, Inc.  
Science Teacher of the Year Award**

**Nomination Form**

Please type or print answers to all questions. *Entries must be received by March 1, 2026.*

**A. Nominee Information:**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Grants will be made to the winner's school.*

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

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

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Nominator Information:**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Letters of Recommendation:**

Student Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Teaching and Related Activities** (to be completed by the Nominator)

Primary discipline(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of years teaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) taught in the last 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Please summarize the education-related activities of the nominee (including participation of the nominee and sponsored students in science fairs) along with the reason this teacher should be considered for the CSEF Teacher of the Year Award. Please use additional pages if necessary.