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 level, museums, camps, community colleges, government agencies, industry, etc.

*Apply for the OES**T** Award:*

Fill out the **electronic OEST** nomination form at the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) website: http://nagt.org/nagt/awards/oest-nom.html

*The **OEST** award is sponsored by:*

NAGT, the North Carolina Geological Survey Section (NCGS), the Mining Committee of the Mining and Energy Commission, and the Carolinas Section of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG).

- ***In addition,** the N.C. OEST winner will be considered for sectional honors in the Southeast Section of NAGT (SENAGT) competition.*

*Apply for the OES**E** Award:*

Download a **paper OESE** nomination form; go to the Earth Science Outreach page on the NCGS website at: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/lr/earth-science-outreach

*The **OESE** award is sponsored by:*

The NCGS, North Carolina Aggregates Association, and the Southeast Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME), and the Carolinas Section of AEG.

The Prizes:

Each state level award includes a plaque, a gift certificate from the NCGS Store, and a monetary award of $750 from sponsors as designated above. 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://portal.ncdenr.org/web/lr/earth-science-outreach for updated information on what date nominations are due (usually March/April) and when to expect the winners to be announced (usually the following September).

North Carolina **OEST** electronic nomination form at the NAGT website http://nagt.org/nagt/programs/oest-nom.html ; North Carolina **OESE** paper nomination form must be sent to the North Carolina SENAGT representative:

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