

THE EDWARD J. MERRILL AWARD
North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society

PRELIMINARY NOMINATION FORM

The Merrill Award recognizes high school chemistry teachers, from the North Jersey Section, for excellence in high school teaching. The award consists of \$500.00 presented to the teacher recipient accompanied by a major award plaque plus a \$500.00 grant presented to the chemistry program of the recipient's school for the purchase of equipment and/or supplies at the discretion of the Award Winner.

The award is presented at the November meeting of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society and the winner and spouse/guest attend as guests of the Section. Additional recognition will be made at the New Jersey Science Convention the following October as guests of the ACS Teacher Affiliates.

Nominations may be made by any of three methods. A person may nominate his/her self while providing the names and addresses/phone numbers of the science supervisor/chair and principal of the school, each of whom will be invited to complete the nomination packet. An individual within a school may nominate a colleague providing the same information as above and serve as the primary nominator gathering and completing the nomination packet. Any individual outside the school of the nominee may make a nomination providing the same information and will serve as the primary source and force of the completed nomination packet.

All initial nominations will be considered by the Education Committee of the Section and complete packets will be requested of the top ten individuals selected while others will be reconsidered in subsequent years.

TIME LINE FOR NOMINATION PROCESS

Initial distribution and receipt of nominations to be completed by **December 1.**

Selection of nominees and solicitation of nomination packets to be completed by the Committee by **January 20.**

Completed nomination packets due back to the Committee by **March 15.**

Review of complete packets and selection of the winner by the Committee to be completed by **April 15.**

PRELIMINARY NOMINATION INFORMATION – to be returned no later than December 1.

Nominee _____ School _____

School
Address _____

City _____ NJ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

e-mail _____

Nominating individual _____

Relationship to
nominee _____ Phone _____

Name, phone and address of:

Supervisor/Chair _____

Building
Principal _____

Number of years teaching chemistry at the high school level _____

Number of years at current position _____

Primary reason for this
nomination _____

Nomination will not be considered if any of the above information is incomplete, illegible or the nominee is NOT from the No. Jersey Section.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: (not later than December 1.)

North Jersey ACS Education Committee

445 Wyoming Avenue

Millburn, NJ 07041-2131

NOMINATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

(Please copy this and retain for your reference)

In order that you might begin gathering information and preparing the final packet, since this is a time consuming and timely matter, we offer the following for your use and consideration.

1. Academic degrees, dates and institutions.
2. Teaching record including years and institutions.
3. Other teaching related work.
4. Other positions of relevance such as industrial positions.
5. Professional academic and scientific organizations including length of membership, positions and accomplishments.
6. Recognitions and awards pertaining to nominee's teaching service.
7. Professional publications.
8. Nomination narrative describing the nominee's teaching, abilities to inspire and challenge students and willingness to keep 'up to date' in the chemistry teaching field.
9. A listing of extracurricular work in the field supported or sponsored by the nominee such as competitions, science fairs, clubs, etc. relating to teaching the sciences.
10. Solicitation and submission of NOT MORE THAN five seconding letters. At least two from colleagues and at least two from former students. Letters from current students are not acceptable and will be disregarded.