

## General rules and guidelines

### (1) NSF Award for Teachers for Promoting Science Amongst School Children

Applications are invited from teachers who have contributed in promoting science amongst school children. **Teachers (government or private) of the schools of science societies registered with the NSF will only be eligible to apply.**

#### Details

- This award is open for Teachers' In Charge of the Science Societies / teachers involving in Science Society activities who have made a significant contribution for the promotion of scientific thinking and improving of scientific knowledge, skills and attitudes among the school children and the public in the area.
- Previous winners "NSF best teacher Award" are not eligible to apply again. (This rule will not be applied for teachers those who have received commendations and appreciations).
- An interview will be conducted for the applicants to evaluate the contribution made during last four years (2019-2022).
- All supporting materials and evidence to establish the validity of activities undertaken by the applicant should be presented at the interview.
- Selected recipients will be duly informed by the NSF once the procedure to be followed in selection is completed.

### (2) Star Rating for Science Societies

School Science Societies registered with NSF are evaluated based on the performance of the society. The winning of schools (05 max) will 'Five Stars' ratings award.

#### *How to collect STARS for your science society?*

1. Organize science days to popularize science in your school by engaging science students as well as students from other streams. Following items may include in the Agenda of the Science Day
  - Lectures/presentations of Science and Technology (NSF will provide you the service of Scientists/ University lecturers free of charge as resource persons upon your request)
  - Dramas /virudu/songs etc. to take science to community
  - Quiz competitions
  - Debates under scientific topics
  - Webinars on scientific topics
2. Participate at the following programs organized by NSF,
  - NSF School Science Day
  - Inter School Science Society Competition
  - Science Research Project Competition

3. Active participation at workshops/seminars/programs/field visits organized by NSF and other organizations to promote science
4. Identify problems related to health, environmental, agricultural, technological waste management etc. and conduct small projects to find solutions to manage or overcome those problems.
5. Organize exhibitions to encourage new innovations among the students at school level.
6. Maintain a wall newspaper / publish a newsletter to educate the school students on the latest developments in S&T.
7. Collaborative activities conducted between the School Science Societies in the region
8. Participate at national or local competitions/seminars/programmes etc..

The Society may produce report with all the details (mentioned above /other relevant) and submit with supporting documents to evaluate your performance during the above mentioned period. Please submit the activity plan for the current year along with the report.

School Science Societies that obtain the highest number of *stars will* be received “five stars” graduation.

Please note that all above evaluation is done by a judged panel of experts appointed by the NSF and their decision will be the final.

#### **How to send your applications:**

All submissions should be attested by the school principal.

Application form is enclosed herewith but could also be obtained from the website [www.nsf.gov.lk](http://www.nsf.gov.lk).

The completed application forms should be submitted to the following e-mail address ([apeksha@nsf.gov.lk](mailto:apeksha@nsf.gov.lk)) or send before 28 October 2022 to reach the following address.

Soft copies of the application, report and the scanned copies of the supporting documents are encourage to speed up the process.

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