



The National Science Foundation NSF Science Popularization Awards for Teachers 2026

General rules and guidelines

The National Science Foundation is giving a “Lifetime Award” for science teachers who have given significant contribution to promote science education and popularize science among the school community and public. In addition, Merit awards and certificates will be given to teachers who made considerable contributions in this direction.

Applications are invited from teachers who have been working towards promoting science amongst school children.

Who is eligible to apply:

- The teachers currently engaged in science education are eligible to apply.
- This award is open for teachers in-charge of the NSF Science Societies or teachers involving in Science Society activities who have made a significant contribution in promoting science education and popularization of science among the school community and public.
- Previous winners of the “NSF Best Teacher Award” (lifetime) are not eligible to apply again. (This rule will not be applied for teachers who have received commendations and appreciations certificates.
- An interview in person will be conducted for the applicants who have fulfilled the basic criteria of the application.
- The applicants must furnish their information on their contribution of 03-year period (2023-2025) using the given format.
- Significant achievements during the lifetime should be forwarded along with your CV.
- 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.

Guideline for Interview:

- The individuals who have demonstrated exceptional performance during the specified period mentioned above will be invited for an interview to select the recipient of the Lifetime Award.
- The Selected candidates will be required to present a comprehensive record of their achievements during their lifetime on popularization of science and promoting science education with evidence.

Application procedure:

- The dully completed applications should be forwarded to Director General, National Science Foundation, 47/5, Maitland Place, Colombo 07, to reach on or before 5th June 2026. Please indicate “SPAT 2026’ in the lefthand corner of the envelope.