



Innovative Technology Educator Award

A \$10,000 Cash Award for Technology Teachers

Sponsored by The Martinson Family Foundation

Overview and Information

The *Innovative Technology Educator Award* will honor five members of the Technology Educators Association of New Jersey for outstanding dedication and innovation in the field of Technology Education. This award, sponsored by the Martinson Family Foundation, recognizes extraordinary contributions and performance by educators with an unrestricted cash award of \$10,000 to each honoree.

Objectives

This program has been created to:

1. Recognize educators who have demonstrated outstanding contributions and performance in the field of Technology Education.
2. Advance professional activity in the field of Technology Education.

Benefits

Potential benefits of this program are:

1. Increased recognition for the area of Technology Education and the education profession.
2. Opportunities for recognition of individual educators associated with the field of Technology Education.
3. The creation of a compendium of activities and curricula collected through the application process.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for the award, a technology educator must:

1. Demonstrate leadership and innovative practice in the area of Technology Education.
2. Have been a paid professional member of TEANJ for at least the two full school years prior to the date of application.
3. Be employed as a teacher or subject area supervisor, at the time of application, in a position related to Technology Education grades K-12.

Recipient Pledge

Upon acceptance of the award, the recipient agrees if requested by the sponsor to:

1. Serve on the award selection committee at least once within three years following the receipt of the award.
2. Deliver a presentation at the TEANJ Annual Conference regarding their described practice within two years following the receipt of the award.
3. Deliver a presentation at one professional conference other than the TEANJ Annual Conference within two years following the receipt of the award.
4. Represent the field of Technology Education through interviews and limited speaking engagements relative to the award for a period of one year.

Application

To be considered for the 2005 awards selection process, submit the following materials postmarked no later than **January 31, 2005** to: Innovative Technology Educator, c/o TEANJ, P.O. Box 718, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410:

1. Personal information form and question response.
2. A copy of your up-to-date resume and/or vitae.
3. A copy of your New Jersey teaching license.
4. One letter of recommendation from a district or school level administrator.
5. One classroom activity or instructional plan that you have created (subject supervisors may include one sample curriculum outline).

All applications received will be held for consideration for a period of three years. However, you may choose to update your application at any time. Include only the materials requested above and please do not bind materials.

Selection

A selection committee consisting of at least five individuals representative of the field of Technology Education in New Jersey reviews all applications and determines honorees. Criteria for selection is based upon question response, evidence of experience and leadership in the field of Technology Education, and quality of self-created materials. Finalists may be contacted to arrange for a site visit prior to the final selection of awardees. Finalists may also be asked to provide additional information and materials. All decisions made by the selection committee are final. The awards will be presented at the TEANJ Awards Banquet to be held in the spring of 2005.

Personal Information and Question Response

To apply for the *Innovative Technology Educator Award*, complete and send this form with other required materials postmarked no later than **January 31, 2005** to:

Innovative Technology Educator
c/o TEANJ
P.O. Box 718
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Personal Information

Please type or print clearly

Full Name _____

School _____

Current Position _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Address _____

Work Phone _____

Preferred Email _____

Social Security # _____

Question Response

Please respond to the following on one separate sheet of paper: Describe why *technological literacy* is important for all students to achieve. (250 words or less)

Signature & Release

By signing below I agree to all the specified terms and conditions pertaining to the Martinson Family Foundation Innovative Technology Educator Award. I have read the Martinson Family Foundation Innovative Technology Educator Award Overview and Information sheet and I agree to the terms of the "Recipient Pledge." I have personally created all materials that I am submitting with this application and knowingly release the rights of these materials to TEANJ for use in publications and for any and all other professional purposes. All information submitted in this application is true and accurate. If selected to receive this award, I understand that I am responsible to report any income based on this award to all appropriate federal and state authorities.

Signature _____

Date _____