

Guidelines for the Preparation of STANYS Fellows Nomination Materials

At the Annual Meeting in New York City on December 27, 1949, our organization inaugurated the STANYS Fellows Award for honoring teachers who have served with distinction as science educators in New York State. These individuals are chosen on the basis of their effective teaching and active participation in professional scientific organizations. Their leadership and scholarly endeavors in science education are noteworthy.

To be evaluated, nominees for the STANYS Fellows Award must be current members of STANYS, have ten years of continuous membership (this must be verified in writing by the STANYS Clerk) and have the required materials submitted on the nominee's behalf. Each of the categories below is used to rate nominees and the first four categories are weighted more than the others. Service only at the section level, even if outstanding, cannot be substituted for a lack of service at the state level.

THE EVALUATION CRITERIA

The candidate has met the following criteria:

1. Performed meritorious service above and beyond the duties of holding office for the State Association.
2. Performed meritorious service above and beyond the duties of holding office for the STANYS Section.
3. Exhibited sustained interest in STANYS as evidenced by active membership and participation over a long period of time.
4. Recognized as an outstanding classroom teacher and leader of science students.
5. Contributed to science education locally, statewide and/or nationally.
6. Interested other teachers in belonging to and working for STANYS.
7. Received awards and recognition from STANYS and STANYS Sections.
8. Participated in other scientific or science education organizations.
9. Received awards and recognition from other organizations reflecting honor to STANYS.
10. Experienced in various kinds of scientific work, advanced education, or research.

Candidates are evaluated using the criteria listed above, by the seven members of the Fellows Committee. Scores from all seven members are recorded and submitted to the Fellows Committee Chairperson. Candidates must receive a minimum of eighty percent of the maximum score from five of the seven members of the committee to be recommended to the Board of Directors at the Spring Board of Directors meeting. The STANYS Board of Directors then votes to approve the nominees that have been recommended by the Fellows Committee.