



**ACS Division of Chemical Education  
Regional Award for Excellence  
In High School Teaching  
*Southeastern and Southwestern Regions of the  
American Chemical Society***

*Call for Nominations*

**Purpose:** To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Southeastern and Southwestern Regions.

**Award:** The award consists of a \$2000 check (\$1000 from CHED and \$1000 from the regional board) and a *Salute to Excellence* plaque for each recipient. These will be presented at the 2010 SE/SW Regional Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, which will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 4. (<http://www.swrm.org>). Travel expenses up to \$1000 will be reimbursed for each recipient by the regional board.

**Rules of Eligibility:** Any individual, except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee, may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local sections within the region are especially encouraged to submit nominations for the award. The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry or a chemical science in a high school (grades 9-12) on at least a half-time basis. The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes as possible:

- The quality of the nominee's teaching; unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
- The nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- Extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- A willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- Evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

**Submission of Nominations:** Nominations are solicited from Local ACS Sections within the Southeast and Southwest regions. Forms for the Nomination, Teachers Statement, and References can be downloaded from the SE/SW Regional Meeting website. These forms can be submitted electronically as .pdf, .doc, or.docx files directly to [tbirdwhi@xula.edu](mailto:tbirdwhi@xula.edu).

The Awards Committee for the Southeast/Southwest Regional Meeting will select the recipient. All nominations and supporting materials for the Award must be received by **October 15, 2010.**

We are restricting the number of reference letters to two, but we do allow co-authors on the two reference letters. Also, the nominator does not need to be a reference. Teachers nominated for the Regional Award do not have to be Local Section Nominees. As with the National ACS Awards, a teacher's nomination is active for a period of three years.

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