

**NARST 2017 Scholarship Application
for Classroom Teachers and Informal Science Educators
Deadline: December 15, 2016**

Purpose

The NARST teacher/informal educator scholarships have been established to affirm NARST's commitment to connecting research and practice of science education. The scholarships will financially support K-12 science teachers and informal science educators, who collaborate with NARST members on research projects, to participate in and present research papers at the NARST annual conference.

What do the scholarships cover?

Scholarships are not meant to cover the full cost associated with attending the NARST conference. Rather, they are intended to defray some of the cost of attending the conference. The scholarships may be used for air travel, ground transportation, and conference registration fees. All applicants will need to register and pay for their own fees before attending the conference. *Reimbursement of expenses will be made after the conference when a paper has been presented.*

Number of Scholarships and Scholarship amount:

We plan to offer 9 scholarships at the amount of \$700.00 per scholarship.

Who is eligible to get the scholarships?

Science teachers and informal science educators, either from the US or abroad, are eligible to receive the NARST Teacher/Informal Educator Scholarships, on the following conditions:

1. The teacher/educator should be currently practicing at the elementary, secondary, or tertiary level, or in informal science education at the time of the 2017 NARST International Conference.
2. The teacher should be actively working together or have worked together, with one or more NARST members, in a research project. The project should be ongoing or have a completion date not earlier than April 2017.
3. A presentation (in any format) about this project must have been accepted for inclusion in the program of the 2017 NARST International conference. The teacher/educator may either be a first author or collaborating author on the paper to be presented.
4. Preference will be given to applicants (a) who are first authors of the paper to be presented and (b) those who have not received a scholarship in previous years. Consideration will also be given to the applicant's financial need.

Note: Only one application/nomination per NARST member/PI/Advisor will be considered in the first round of the selection process.

Scholarship Application Procedures:

All documents are available at: <http://www.narst.org/applications/scholarships.cfm>

Applications can only be made by current NARST members for one or more science teachers/educators with whom they collaborate. For each nominated teacher/educator, a complete application should be submitted to

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017NARST_CTISEscholarship no later than December 15, 2016.

Selection Process:

Scholarship Subcommittee of the Publications Advisory Committee will follow a selection process that adheres to the above guidelines and the criteria outlined in the attached rubric.

In order to protect the anonymity and integrity of the selection process, all members of Publications Advisory Committee will be ineligible to apply for the scholarship. The Chair(s) of the Scholarship Subcommittee will:

1. Solicit, collect, and assign applications to committee members for review.
2. Synthesize the recommendations of the subcommittee to the PAC chair, who will report the results to the NARST Board of Directors.
3. Inform applicants about results, including decisions about final awardees and alternates.

Project Description and Anticipated Need for Support

The following description is to be written by the nominating NARST member or by the member and the teacher/educator collaboratively.

Please provide the following information about the project.

- Provide a written statement (a maximum of 300 words) describing the nature of your collaboration with the nominated teacher/informal educator. What specific roles did the teacher/educator have in the project? What specific role will the teacher/educator have in the presentation at NARST (e.g., 1st author and presenter of a stand-alone paper; 2nd author of paper in a related paper set; symposium participant). *Please make sure that you do not reveal your identity or that of the nominated teacher/educator in your statement.*
- Provide a written statement (a maximum of 300 words) describing the professional development benefits you expect the teacher/educator to obtain from participating in the annual conference.
- Provide the title and abstract for your presentation
- Attach the 5-page conference proposal submitted in August 2016. The proposal must have been accepted for presentation at the 2017 NARST international conference.

Please provide anticipated expenses.

Travel: _____

Conference Registration: _____

Lodging/meals: _____

Other: _____

If you have obtained other funding (for example from the school district) please indicate the source and amount of that funding:

Please describe any extenuating circumstances that either increase the cost of attending the NARST conference (e.g., residence outside of the US, requiring additional airfare) and/or affect available funding for attending the NARST conference (e.g., residence in a UNDP HDI 700 and below country, employment in a school district that cannot provide any funding for travel).

Please indicate if the applicant has previously received a teacher scholarship grant from NARST (year):