**Maryland Outstanding STEM Educator**

**Eligibility**

* Currently employed full-time educator teaching in a public or private accredited elementary or middle school in Maryland
* Completed at least three full years of classroom teaching in STEM fields
* Has utilized Maryland Science Center as an educational resource – student field trips, Traveling Science Program, or Family Science/Engineering Nights
* Must be available to attend awards ceremony on May 8, 2019

**Criteria – Candidates should fulfill at least four of the following**

* Focuses on hands-on, inquiry-driven learning techniques
* Engages students to develop creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills
* Provides students with real-life learning experiences inside and outside the classroom
	+ Hosting scientists and engineers in the classroom, organizing trips for STEM-based student experiences, exposing students to real-world STEM activities
* Works in an advocacy role in promoting and advancing the cause of quality science education among peers
* Incorporates unique ways to inspire in students a curiosity in STEM fields
* Demonstrates effective integration of science standards into instruction

**Awards**

* $1,000 for the educator
* $500 for classroom supplies and/or field trips
* Free MSC program for educator’s class – IMAX, Planetarium, SciZone, TSP, FSN
* Commemorative plaque
* One-year family membership to MSC

**Nomination Submissions**

* Letter of Nomination
	+ Signed and submitted on school letterhead (self-nominations accepted)
	+ Narrative about how educator fulfills award eligibility and criteria
	+ Identification of any awards or recognition received
* Resume
	+ Maximum 2-page resume that indicates nominee meets eligibility requirements
* Model Lesson Plan
	+ Demonstrates educator’s approach to classroom instruction reflecting the award’s criteria
* Letters of Recommendation (2)
	+ Signed and submitted on letterhead by individuals familiar with and able to evaluate the nominee’s work
	+ One letter from educator’s principal or other supervisor
* Send all nomination documents by mail or email to:

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* Submission deadline – March 29, 2019