Each year, the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT), through its Outstanding Biology Teacher Awards (OBTA), attempts to identify an excellent biology instructor in each of the 50 U.S. states; Canada; Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico, and overseas territories. Nominations of worthy candidates by NABT members and friends help us to recognize those individuals whose outstanding work in the classroom qualifies them for this award.

Prentice Hall, the OBTA program sponsor, gives each awardee a pair of precision binoculars. The recipients also receive a microscope from Leica Microsystems, Inc., and a Video Flex Camera System from Ken-A-Vision. Award winners and their schools also receive certificates, as well as public and professional recognition. Recipients receive a year’s complimentary membership in NABT and NABT honors Outstanding Biology Teacher Award recipients at a special ceremony in conjunction with its national convention.

Who is Eligible? … Current biology/life science instructors (grades 7-12) with at least three years public, private, or parochial school teaching experience. A major portion of the nominee’s career must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science. NABT membership is not a requirement. Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated. OBTA winners are ineligible for 10 years after selection.

What is the Process? … Candidates will complete a form summarizing their professional experience, academic background, and education philosophy and provide four recommendations from colleagues familiar with their teaching effectiveness. Classroom observations and/or videotapes are important steps in the evaluation process.

Who Can Make Nominations? … Colleagues, administrators, students, the teacher/candidates themselves, or anyone competent to judge the candidate’s teaching effectiveness.

What Are the Criteria? … Teaching Ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative and student-teacher relationships.

How Do I participate? … Fill out the nomination form below or request a form from your OBTA Director or the NABT office. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2008. If you have any questions, feel free to call your OBTA Director or NABT at (703) 264-9696/(800) 406-0775 for information. Contact CT OBTA Director: Mary Ann Zabik 860.832.2608 or zabikm@ccsu.edu.

Outstanding Biology Teacher Award Nomination Form

Name of Candidate: ________________________________

Candidate’s School: ______________________________

School Address: ___________________________________

School Phone: __________________ E-mail: __________________

Your Signature: ____________________________________

Your Title/Connection to Candidate: ________________________________

Please complete and return by February 1 to: Mary Ann Zabik, Director CT OBTA Selection Committee
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