



Each year, the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT), through its *Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (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, colleagues and friends help us to recognize those individuals whose outstanding work in the classroom qualifies them for this award.

Award winners and their schools receive certificates, as well as public and professional recognition from NABT. Honorees receive a one-year complimentary membership to NABT, and are recognized at the *NABT Honors Luncheon* held at the NABT Professional Development Conference. National OBTA program sponsors also give each honoree a special award.

Who is Eligible? Current biology/life science instructors (grades 7-12) with at least three years public, private, or parochial school teaching experience are invited to apply. 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 for this award. Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated. OBTA winners are ineligible for re-nomination for this award.

What Are the Criteria? Teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative and student-teacher relationships are all considered.

Who Can Make Nominations? Colleagues, administrators, students, the teacher/candidates themselves, or anyone competent to judge the candidate's teaching effectiveness. Nominations can be made to the NABT National Office and/or the specific state's OBTA Director.

How Can I Participate? Submit this nomination form to the address below. The deadline for nominations is **March 15, 2020**.

What is the Process? Candidates will complete an application summarizing their professional experience, academic background, and education philosophy and provide four recommendations from colleagues, supervisors, or students familiar with their teaching effectiveness. Candidates will schedule a site visit by the OBTA Committee and can submit a 20 minute video of their classroom teaching.

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's School: _____

Candidate's Phone: _____ Candidate's E-mail: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____ Your E-mail: _____

Your connection to candidate: _____

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