

Dear NYSTEA Member,

Here we are again at that end-of-the-year countdown time! Many shows are completed, thank you notes have been written and it is time for theatre recognition awards! In this e-mail is information about the Annual NYSTEA Student Theatre Awards, the Adult Volunteer Awards, and the Administrator of the Year Award. What better way to promote theatre education than by awarding our students, parents and commendable administrators recognition from our state drama organization?

STUDENT THEATRE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each member of NYSTEA is eligible to nominate up to two students. The winning student[s] will receive a certificate, suitable for framing. The award will state the student's name, and the fact that she/he has been recognized by NYSTEA for Excellence in Theatre. This award will be mailed to you and can be presented either in a private drama club meeting or at a more public awards presentation.

Publicizing this award effectively can help to promote both your theatre program and NYSTEA.

The "Triple Threat-Effect" of this Award:

- *It will recognize a worthy student
- *It will recognize your work in the community
- *It will promote NYSTEA, our state organization

Who is eligible for STUDENT AWARDS?

Any student from K-12 is eligible as long as he/she has demonstrated a high level of achievement in one or more of the following areas: acting, directing, designing, playwriting, technical work, research or any other theatrical field.

Obviously, the criteria is broad and open to wide interpretation; you are the judge. You are the expert in your school, so you have the latitude to present the award any way you wish. You are also free to add something more to the award [like scholarship money or engraving on a plaque], but that will not come from NYSTEA. Make the award work for you by setting up your own criteria-whether you wish to give it to an elementary drama student, or a graduating senior. In order to keep these awards special, we request that only a maximum of two [2] students be nominated to receive this award.

ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD

You are entitled to present an "Outstanding Volunteer Award" to a parent, teacher or other ADULT who gave freely of his/her time in order to help you run and promote your theatre program. You may nominate no more than two [2] people to get this award. This also will be a certificate, suitable for framing.

HOW TO RECEIVE THESE AWARDS:

Send the names of the people you would like to recognize, with a brief description of why they deserve this honor, to me at the address below. Allow enough time for the mail to return the

certificate[s] to you. Or faster still, once you receive this mailing, e-mail me all your information. I will get the certificates in the mail ASAP after I receive your nominees. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at: sscooni@gmail.com

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Applications for this award should be postmarked by June 20, 2010. The NYSTEA Board will vote on the selections and select the winning administrator at the annual retreat in July. We will present this award at the Theatre Education Conference in the fall. More information on this award will follow in a later e-mail.

I hope you have had a great year and will enjoy an interesting summer.

Dramatically Yours,

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