INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Purpose: To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry. The **Midwest Region** of the ACS comprises the Ames, Iowa. Kansas City, Kansas State University, Mark Twain, MO-KAN-OK-The Tri-State, Nebraska, Omaha, Ozark, Sioux Valley, South Central Missouri, Southern Illinois, St. Louis, University of Arkansas, University of Missouri, Wakarusa Valley, and Wichita Local Sections. The **Great Lakes Region** of the ACS comprises the Central Wisconsin, Chicago, Decatur-Springfield, East Central Illinois, Illinois Heartland, Illinois-Iowa, Joliet, Kalamazoo, LaCrosse-Winona, Lake Superior, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Northeast Wisconsin, Purdue, Red River Valley, Rock River, St. Joseph Valley, Upper Peninsula, Wabash Valley, and Wisconsin Local Sections.

Nature: The Regional Award consists of a cash award and a plaque. Reasonable travel expenses to the Regional Meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. A certificate/plaque may also be provided to the recipient's institution for display. In some cases, the awardee may be asked to give a keynote address and/or participate in a symposium with other teachers.

Rules of Eligibility: Any individual except a member of the award selection committee or currently enrolled student of the nominee may submit one nomination or support form in any given year. Local Sections are especially encouraged to submit nominations. The nominee must be actively engaged in the teaching of chemistry or a chemical science in a high school (grades 9-12) on at least a half-time basis. The nomination should clearly demonstrate as many of the following attributes as possible:

- the quality of the nominee's teaching; unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
- the nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students;
- extracurricular work in chemistry or a chemical science by the nominee, including science fairs, science clubs, and activities that stimulate the interest of young people in chemistry and related sciences;
- a willingness to keep up-to-date in the field, as evidenced by the pursuit of a higher degree in chemistry or a chemical science, enrollment in refresher courses and summer institutes, regular attendance at scientific meetings, membership in professional organizations, and other means of self-improvement;
- evidence of leadership and/or active involvement within the profession.

Required components:

- 1. A complete application that consists of the Nominee Information Form, the Nominator Information Form, the Nominator Recommendation of not more than 1,000 words submitted by the nominator according to the guidelines outlined on the Recommendation Form.
- 2. A curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of the nominee's honors, professional activities, and additional evidence of service to the profession. This must be limited to no more than two pages and the activities listed must have occurred within the past five years.
- 3. At least one, but not more than three, letters of support. One must be from the teacher's current principal or supervisor. Additional letters of support may be from colleagues, members of the American Chemical Society who are familiar with the nominee's achievements, or former students or parents of former students.

Instructions: Submit nominations for nominees in the **Midwest Region** to Jetty Duffy-Matzner, Midwest Region Board Awards Chair, by e-mail attachment to <u>duffy@augie.edu</u>. Submit nominations for the **Great Lakes** Region to Chris Dunlap, Great Lakes Region Board Awards Chair, by e-mail attachment to <u>cdunlap@saintmarys.edu</u>. Nomination deadline is September 1, 2011.

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The award will be presented at the 2011 Midwest/Great Lakes Joint Regional ACS Meeting, which will be held on October 19–22, at the Sheraton Westport Chalet in St Louis, Missouri.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

ACS Region for nomination	
Name	
Company or Institutional Affiliation	
Present Position (Exact Title)	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Relationship to nominee	

NOMINEE INFORMATION

ACS Region of nominee	
Name	
Present position (exact title)	
School	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Website	

- Give your current teaching assignment including course titles and grade levels.
- What is your involvement in extracurricular activities

• On a separate sheet, provide a statement of not more than 500 words in which you present your teaching philosophy or otherwise describe your commitment to the profession.

NOMINATOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Submit a narrative statement of no more than 1,000 words that describes and comments upon the following:

- the quality of the nominee's teaching. Unusually effective methods of presentation should be emphasized;
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