



# BIGGS EARTH SCIENCE TEACHING AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Academic Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Earth Science Classes Taught/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Department Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Guidelines:

1. 2-4 letters of support, in addition to the nominator's letter.
2. 3-5 letters of support from past and/or current students.
3. Nominating letter (maximum 6 single-spaced pages) should address each of the following:
  - **Teaching Ability:** What teaching and assessment techniques does this teacher employ? Is the course comprehensive, yet enjoyed by the students? What is the teaching philosophy?
  - **Inventiveness:** What new ideas are used? What new curriculum and support materials are produced? What new methods or devices are used?
  - **Initiative:** How are new situations handled? How are students of varying abilities accommodated?
  - **Cooperation:** How does the teacher cooperate in the total school program and in other academic areas?
  - **Community and youth activities:** How is the teacher involved in community and youth activities?
  - **Professional activities:** Publications, advising, program development.
  - **Summary:** as to the candidate's strengths and noteworthy accomplishments as they relate to the nomination for the teaching award.
4. Nominee should be involved in the nomination by supplying:
  - a. A one-page teaching philosophy
  - b. A 2-page CV (similar to an NSF biographical sketch)
  - c. Examples of teaching materials or methods, and evidence of teaching effectiveness and improved student learning (for example, descriptions of lessons or exercises, summaries of numerical and/or written student comments from teaching evaluations, peer teaching evaluations; **limit of 10 pages**).

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if this is a resubmission \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which year was the nomination originally made? \_\_\_\_\_

Send all forms with documentation to:

Please feel free to copy this form for nomination purposes.

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Nominations must be received by February 1, 2010