



**2020 NSTA National Conference
Best of Show Awards Program Entry Form**

Company: _____

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Instructions:

- 1) Review the Entry Categories on page 2 of this form to decide which are the most appropriate to enter. There are 4 major categories and multiple entries are permitted for the product/service-based categories. Enter as many as you like!
- 2) Complete the Entry Information on page 3 of this form, as necessary. Duplicate page 3 should you wish to enter more products/services.
- 3) Return your completed entry form via e-mail to: daylene@catapult-x.com.
- 4) Upon receipt of your completed form, you will receive a confirmation of your entries along with information on how to make payment.

Process:

A panel of "secret shopper" educators, selected in advance by Catapult X, will review nominations and choose the winners. Two secret-shopper judges will review each vendor submission including the description you provide below. Judges will visit booths during the NSTA National Conference to learn more about the nominated products and services and to score their findings. They will spend approximately 5-10 minutes in your booth and use a rubric, developed by the lead judge.

All attendees will have the opportunity to vote via the NSTA conference app, and voting will be limited to one per person to prevent "stuffing." Advertising, emails, and prizes will drive attendees to your booth for voting.

In the case of a secret-shopper judge tie, the attendee vote will break the tie.

Entry Categories

1) Outstanding Vendor, Attendees' Choice - \$395/entry – One entry permitted

Recognizes science and STEM organizations who go above and beyond to deliver remarkable customer service. The winner will be determined by popular vote of NSTA National Conference attendees, available for voting on the NSTA app. Four finalists will also be recognized.

2) Best New Technology Innovation Award Technology - \$395/entry – multiple entries permitted

Nominate products and services that use technology to increase student learning, that are demonstrably innovative, and that save time for educators. Product must have begun shipping on or after 1/1/2019 to be eligible.

- Best New Technology Innovation for Science Education
(product must have begun shipping on or after 1/1/2019 to be eligible)
- Best New Technology Innovation for STEM Education
(product must have begun shipping on or after 1/1/2019 to be eligible)

3) Best Tried & True Technology for Teaching and Learning - \$395/entry – multiple entries permitted

Nominate products that have stood the test of time and are backed by exemplary technical support, curricular materials, and professional development for science and STEM teaching and learning.

Apps & software

Coding

Games for learning

Hardware (microscopes, sensors, lab technology, makerspace equipment etc.)

3D Printing

Robotics

Simulations & video-based interactives

Language arts

Visual arts

Educational travel, field trips and after-school programs

Lab Equipment & Supplies by Discipline

Biology/life sciences

Biochemistry

Chemistry

Computer Science

Engineering

Environmental/Earth science

Integrated Science

Physics

Physical science

Space science

STEM education

Lab Equipment & Supplies by Grade Level

Pre-K-Elementary science

Middle school science

High school science

4) Educator Experience - \$395/entry – multiple entries permitted

Recognizes companies and organizations who give back to science and STEM education by contributing free time, talent, training, materials, and experiences to enrich the lives of science and STEM educators.

Best Exhibitor Workshops

Best Free Digital Resources

Best Free Classroom Giveaways

Best Free Product Training

Best Booth Design & Experience

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Entry Category: **Outstanding Vendor, Attendees' Choice**

Organization Name: _____ Booth#: _____

Questions? Please contact Daylene Long, 503-490-8068 or daylene@catapult-x.com

Entry Category: **Best New Technology Innovation Award**

Organization Name: _____ Booth#: _____

- Best New Technology Innovation for **Science** Education:
- Best New Technology Innovation for **STEM** Education:

Product/Service: _____

Description for Judges (max 200 words): _____

Entry Category: **Best Tried & True Technology for Teaching & Learning**

Organization Name: _____ Booth#: _____

Entry Categories:

- Apps & software
- Coding
- Games for learning
- Hardware (microscopes, sensors, lab technology, makerspace equipment etc.)
- 3D Printing
- Robotics
- Simulations & video-based interactives

Lab Equipment & Supplies by Discipline

- Biology/life sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental/Earth Science
- Physics
- Physical science
- Space science
- STEM education

Lab Equipment & Supplies by Grade Level

- Pre-K-Elementary science
- Middle school science
- High school science

Other

- Language arts

- Visual arts
- Educational travel, field trips and after-school programs

Product/Service: _____

Description for Judges (max 200 words): _____

Entry Category: **Educator Experience**

Organization Name: _____ Booth#: _____

Entry Categories:

- Best Exhibitor Workshops
- Best Free Digital Resources
- Best Free Classroom Giveaways
- Best Free Product Training
- Best Booth Design & Experience

Description for Judges (max 200 words): _____

DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES