



**2007
TECH VALLEY INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR AWARDS**

GUIDELINES

As part of the seventh annual Summit in Tech Valley, three teachers or teams of teachers in the K-12 level in either public or private/independent schools located in New York's Tech Valley will be presented the Tech Valley Innovative Educator Award. Principals, administrators, parents and colleagues are encouraged to nominate a worthy teacher and encourage them to submit an application for review by the Awards and Recognition Committee. Teachers are also invited to nominate themselves and complete the application.

The awards are designed to recognize classroom teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels who have made extraordinary contributions and brought innovative ideas and teaching methods to the fields of math, science or technology. The teachers chosen will be recognized at an assembly in each of their respective schools as well as in a video to be shown at the Summit in Tech Valley on May 14, 2007. Additionally, each teacher will receive a check in the amount of \$1,500 to be used to purchase a piece of technology equipment for their classroom or school.

Excellence in teaching is the main criterion for selection of recipients. Among the criteria to be considered by the committee are:

1. The ability to develop and implement innovative instructional activities
2. The ability to motivate and challenge students
3. Demonstration of proficiency in math, science or technology education
4. Effective planning skills

To the candidate: It is the candidate's responsibility to assemble an entry packet that must include:

1. A one-page cover letter (on official letterhead) which includes a statement and signature by the candidate's principal or supervisor that he or she is an employee of the institution. This statement also should list subject(s) and grade level(s) taught.
2. A cover form that includes pertinent information (available at www.techvalley.org)
3. A narrative describing the candidate's extraordinary science/math/technology teaching as it relates to award criteria. This must be typed and limited to two (2) pages.
4. Two (2) letters of support (each no longer than two pages). The letters may be from parents, students or colleagues and should provide examples of the candidate's extraordinary teaching and innovation.

All materials and letters of support must be submitted in one envelope. Separate material will not be considered or returned. ENTRY PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5pm, MARCH 13, 2007 AND SENT TO:

Tech Valley Innovative Educator Award
c/o Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce
One Computer Drive South
Albany, NY 12205