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CONTESTS!

Are They Your Golden Ticket to the NETA Conference?

ARE YOU TIRED of opening boxes of Wonka Bars hoping to find a golden ticket to attend the NETA Spring Conference without paying a registration fee or costs for your substitute teacher?

ARE YOU LEADING your students to do outstanding work with technology tools in the classroom?

ARE YOU DOING great work with technology tools that you want to share with others? NETA contests are for YOU!

Friendly and inclusive

Every summer at the NETA planning retreat, the Board Contest Committee reviews all of the contests as we do our best to offer opportunities for students and teachers to showcase their work and promote it as classroom models to teachers across the state. This year, the Committee is using the digital submission system again in an effort to make our contests more teacher and student friendly, as well as more inclusive of all educators.

Rather than offer contests with specific themes teachers need to fit their projects into, we've done away with specific contests to allow you to enter work you're already doing with students as part of your curriculum. If you're doing great technology-infused work with students, then we have

a contest for you!

Structure

Our student contest structure is divided solely by media type: audio, video, interactive media and still images. Yet we also carried forward our popular teacher contests that allow teachers to win trips to the annual ISTE conference (in San Antonio next summer), earn grants for purchasing classroom technology, and be recognized as leaders in your local district and the region.

Digital submission system

The digital submission process will again save you time and paper. No

more signatures in blue ink or racing off to the post office to meet the postmark deadline! Our contest submission window will open November 1 and close February 1 at midnight. Start thinking about your projects to enter now and log on to <http://netasite.org> on November 1 to get started with your entries!

Questions?

Please email your questions to the Contest Chair, Lynne Herr (lynne.herr@netasite.org). We will post any questions and answers in our Frequently Asked Questions page in the Contests section of the NETA website. ❖



NETA Student Contests

Eligibility

Student contests are open to Midwestern PK–12 students and pre-service teachers. All PK-12 student entries must include principal's consent and contact information.

Contest Divisions

Each contest category will be judged by divisions.

- Grades PK–4
- Grades 5–8
- Grades 9–12
- Independent K–12 Student Entry
- Pre-service Teacher

Contest Categories

Still Images:

This category allows students to showcase their work in the area of still images. Students will submit completed products such as, digital images, photographs, logos, graphic design, and infographics that were created as part of a classroom project.

Video:

This category allows students to showcase their work in the area of video. Students may submit completed non-interactive video projects. Examples of projects that could fall into this category include but are not limited to: newscasts, movies, video podcasts, and animations.

Audio:

This category allows students to showcase their work in the area of audio. Students will submit completed audio products such as podcasts, radio shows and original music/poetry.



Interactive Media:

This category allows students to showcase their work in the area of interactive media. As defined by wikipedia, interactive media normally refers to products and services on digital computer-based systems which respond to the user's actions by presenting content such as text, graphics, animation, video, audio, games, etc. Examples of interactive media that may be submitted to this category include interactive eBooks, websites created by the student, apps developed by the student, and more.

Judging and Awards

Contest entries will be judged on criteria that include connection to curriculum, originality, creativity, quality of product and innovative use of technology. Up to three awards per category per age division will be given.

The winning teacher will receive a non-transferable, complimentary conference registration and the teacher's school district will be reimbursed the actual cost for the substitutes for both days.

All contest winners will be asked to submit poster sessions featuring their winning contest entries to present at the NETA Spring Conference.

Announcing winners

All entrants should refer to the NETA website (<http://netasite.org>) on or after March 1, 2017 for contest results. We request that teacher entrants do not register for the conference until winners are announced. Application materials will not be returned to entrants.

All submitted projects may be distributed freely by NETA. Educators submitting entries need to follow all of their district's policies regarding the distribution of student work. The online submission form must be completed in full.

Awards will be mailed out to the teachers' school districts following the NETA Spring Conference. All entries must be submitted online.

Submission Deadline:

The 2016–17 Contest submission window will be **November 1, 2016–February 1, 2017**.

All entries must be submitted through the contest submission system accessed via the NETA website (<http://netasite.org>). ❖

NETA Educator Contests

Eligibility

NETA Educator contests are open to public and private educators in the Midwest, with preference given to Nebraska educators. In addition to any prizes specific to a particular contest, winning educators will receive a non-transferable, complimentary 2017 NETA Spring Conference registration and if a substitute is required, the winner's school district will be reimbursed the actual cost for the substitute for both days of conference attendance.

Description of Educator Contest Categories

NETA Technology Grants



Classroom grants to support innovative technology use in the classroom will be awarded with a maximum

of \$1500 each. Each recipient will receive their award check at the NETA Spring Conference. Materials purchased with NETA grant money will belong to the recipient's school district. A mid-term progress report is due by December 1, 2017, and a final report of less than 250 words that describes the activities, tools and student impact is due June 1, 2018.

Grant recipients will be required to present their project at the 2018 NETA Spring Conference as a poster/playground session, where handouts and information about the project will be shared with other NETA educators. Grants are to be awarded for original projects only and are not to sustain previous grant projects. The number of awards may vary depending upon the quantity and quality of entries.

Teachers may submit different applications over time. 2016 grant winners are not eligible to apply for this contest.

ISTE Trek Conference Scholarship



Up to four trips to the 2017 ISTE Conference in San Antonio, TX, will be

awarded with a maximum of \$1800 to pay for conference registration, coach class airfare, hotel, local transportation and meals. Entrants should use creative technology skills to submit a contest entry video explaining how you use technology to enhance student learning and how attending ISTE 2017 would strengthen what you already do or allow you to do something new. What are you hoping to learn or gain by attending sessions at ISTE 2017? Videos must be less than 90 seconds in length and will be entered via the online submission system. The winners will write a follow-up NETA newsletter article by July 15, 2017, explaining what projects or plans will be implemented in their classroom based upon what was learned through ISTE 2017 attendance. 2016 ISTE Trek winners are not eligible for this contest.

What's Your Story?



Tell us for a chance to win a NETA conference scholarship!

Recognizing that many teachers pay for NETA conference attendance out of their own funds and often must use personal days to be able to leave their classrooms, the Board wants to offer assistance through a new contest. Entrants



will be asked to answer the question: How will attending NETA change your classroom story? Winning teachers will receive free conference registration and have the actual costs of their substitute reimbursed. They may also be interviewed to share their story with the NETA community.

Excellence in Leading With Technology Award



The purpose of the Nebraska Excellence in Leading with Technology Award is to recognize and honor an individual who has

demonstrated outstanding achievement in implementing technology to improve teaching, learning or administration. This contest is open to Nebraska PK–12 public and private school administrators and technology coordinators whose primary job role does not include teaching students. All entries must include the superintendent's consent for contest entry and superintendent's contact information. If a superintendent is submitting his/her own application, the President of the local Board of Education may be used.

The winner will be awarded \$600 for professional activities (which could include conference reimbursement, tuition, or subscriptions—to be *(continued on the next page)*)

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 spent by April 30, 2018). The winner will also be invited to be a special guest at a Wednesday evening dinner with the NETA Board of Directors where they will be asked to give short remarks about their work with instructional technology.

Winners will be determined by a panel of Directors from the NETA Board based on the following guidelines, determining the extent to which the nominee:

- positively impacts technology use in teaching, learning and administration ; locally, regionally, or statewide.
- involves the local community in their work or has facilitated partnerships with business and/ or other organizations to advance the use of technology in teaching and learning.
- integrates deliberate planning in an effort to improve education through the use of technology.
- works tirelessly to improve the quality of education and/or work experience in their own school.
- contributes to the profession by presenting at professional conferences, seminars and/or workshops or publishing articles in print or through electronic media.
- reflects the mission and purpose of NETA.

Excellence in Teaching With Technology Award



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implementing technology to improve PK-12 teaching and learning. This contest is open to Nebraska public and private school educators whose primary job role is classroom teaching directly with students. The winner will be awarded \$600 for professional activities (which could include conference reimbursement, tuition, or subscriptions—to be spent by April 30, 2018). The winner will also be invited to be a special guest at a Wednesday evening dinner with the NETA Board of Directors where they will be asked to give short remarks about their work with leading technology initiatives.

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