



Presented by Smith College STEAM Outreach

Overview:

Teachers have been working extra hard, especially during the pandemic. Take a moment during Massachusetts STEM Week, October 19 – 31st, to tell us how a special science, technology, engineering or math teacher or mentor has positively impacted your life.

Registration:

The Wicked Awesome STEM Teacher Essay competition is open to students in middle school or higher, including higher education. Those participants who are minors must have an adult parent or guardian complete the registration form on their behalf.

Deadline for submission is Saturday, October 31st.

Winner(s) will be announced Friday, November 6th.

Registration for the competition requires an adult [18 years and over] to complete the following [ESSAY COMPETITION FORM](#) with contact information and uploaded completed essay. All essays must be original work of the student. The file must not exceed 1GB in size and be the highest quality possible [PDF recommended].

If you experience trouble uploading your file, please contact Deborah Day, STEAM Outreach Coordinator and Chair, Western Mass Science & Engineering Fair at dday@smith.edu

Requirements:

All entries will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:

Entries must be submitted via ESSAY COMPETITION FORM no later than 11:59PM EST on October 31st.

Participants must be middle school aged or higher, including higher education.

Participants do not need to be Massachusetts residents in order to participate.

Registration for minors must be completed by an adult 18+ years of age.

Single participant submissions only, please, no team submissions.

Essays must be original work by the student author.

Essays in PDF format are preferred. Maximum word count for the essay is 1,000 words.

The Wicked Awesome STEM Teacher must have taught the student in 2020.

One submission / nomination per student is allowed.

Formatting:

The following information must be present on the essay document for consideration. These items DO NOT count as part of the 1,000 word essay:

Student First and Last Name

Parent's Name [where applicable]

STEM Teacher or Mentor's Name

STEM Subject [or mentor relationship]

School, College, University affiliation

Please include the following information within your essay:

What is your relationship with the nominated STEM Teacher?

How long have you known your teacher?

How has this teacher impacted your education positively in 2020?

How is your teacher a good role model?

Complete one or more of the following sentences:

I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from _____[teacher's name]_____ because they inspire me to _____

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I enjoy learning from my teacher because they make me feel

_____.

My favorite memory with my teacher _____[teacher's name]_____ is

_____.

Prizes:

All student participants and their nominated teachers will receive a STEM themed postcard sent to them from the Smith College STEAM Outreach Team. Teachers will be notified of their nomination by way of these postcards informing them of the competition and their candidacy. With permission, all teachers and students will be showcased in an upcoming STEAM Outreach electronic newsletter and other possible social media outlets.

Contestants entering the competition will have the opportunity to win gift card(s) for themselves and their teacher nominee provided by local Northampton businesses.