



Texas Instruments STEM Teaching Awards
2014 Application Form

Your name _____

Subject taught _____

Name of school _____

The *Texas Instruments STEM Teaching Awards* honors those special instructors in Santa Clara County public schools who are sparking their middle- and high-school students to enjoy and excel in science, technology, engineering and math. Your principal is nominating you for this award, which includes:

- a \$1,000 cash award;
- an evening of recognition at the Santa Clara County Office of Education Teacher Recognition Celebration in October; and,
- the opportunity to attend a Professional Development Event at the SCCOE.

To apply, just fill out this sheet and respond to these five questions. Submit your answers (in hard- or soft-copy form), along with the nomination form from your principal, by **Friday, May 2, 2014** (see attached sheet for additional instructions; or go to www.sccoe.org). Please limit your responses to each question to a half-page of typewritten, double-spaced, 10-point type. Include your name and the name of your school at the top of each page.

Question 1: Why are you enthusiastic about your subject?

Question 2: What makes your classroom click? Give us some examples of how your teaching strategies are unique.

Question 3: Other than test scores, what "Aha" moments can you tell us about when you know a student "gets it"?

Question 4: What, if any, are the major barriers to your success?

Question 5: Besides your normal classroom duties, do you participate in activities benefiting students and the community, on or off campus?
