

Intersociety Polymer Education Council Application for Polymer Ambassador

Polymer Ambassadors are an enthusiastic group from all corners of the United States. We design laboratories, practice demonstrations, organize workshops, and develop written materials that will promote polymer education. We receive an annual allotment for travel expenses and materials only to present workshops at local, regional, state and national conventions. Polymer Ambassadors do not receive monetary compensation for their time. We learn to work as a team with others who are chosen to be Ambassadors. We teach in grades K-12 as classroom teachers. Meeting new people, traveling to interesting places, learning about polymers from industrial engineers and chemists, working cooperatively, and having a good time are all experiences of a Polymer Ambassador.

Expectations of a Polymer Ambassador

- **The success of the program is based on a supportive environment. In any one workshop, the organizer can expect assistance from other ambassadors attending the same convention.**
- **Presentation skills, science content, and safety considerations must reflect favorably on the Polymer Ambassador program**
- **During the six-year term, Polymer Ambassadors are encouraged to develop new materials. Sharing with others in the group stimulates discussion. Written materials (printed or on the Web) must make every effort to identify and acknowledge the source and give proper credit. All materials must be scientifically accurate.**
- **Our mission is to promote polymer education. Our program does not endorse any specific commercial interests.**
- **Ambassadors in Training make every effort to attend an Area NSTA Convention and the National NSTA Convention to assist other in their workshops. Attendance at the summer and winter planning meetings is encouraged as well as attendance at a polymer training workshop during the following summer.**
- **Active Polymer Ambassadors are encouraged to be an organizer of one workshop and assist with one or two others at one Area NSTA Convention and the National NSTA Convention per year. They are also expected to conduct workshops at the local, district, and state levels. Attendance at the winter and summer planning meetings are also encouraged.**
- **Emeritus Polymer Ambassadors are encouraged to organize workshops for one or more NSTA Conventions per year and to continue working at the local and state levels. They are also invited to all planning meetings by Polymer Ambassadors.**

An individual applying for ambassadorship needs to be able to meet these expectations and assure that their school will support their educational outreach.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Principal's Signature

Date



Applicant Information
(Please print or type)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

School Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Principal _____ District Name _____

A. List academic degrees, institutions and dates.

B. List teaching experience. Include years and courses taught.

C. Briefly describe how you include polymer chemistry in your teaching.

D. Describe any workshops you have presented in the last two years and the audience addressed.

E. Provide the name, telephone number and email addresses of two individuals who support your application.

Mail the application to:
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