

Requirements for the 2015 Kansas Outstanding Biology Teaching Award (OBTA)

Your applications materials (A, B, C and optional E) should be emailed to the OBTA Director (kelly@tuel.us) by the deadline, **Wednesday, April 1**. Regardless of method you choose for us to receive your letters of recommendation (D), they must be received by the same deadline.

The 2015 OBTA Awardee will be announced in May. By applying for this award, you are agreeing to serve on the OBTA Scoring Committee the following year. This responsibility includes reviewing the application and scoring guidelines for 2016, and scoring the applications.

- A. When emailing your application materials, please put the subject line "<your name> OBTA application." Application components B, C, and Ea should be attachments. The email body should contain the following:
- Your name, mailing address, and preferred contact (phone# or email)
 - Name, address and description of your current school (size, public/private, etc.)
 - 2014-2015 course schedule
 - If applicable, a link to your *optional* video (see Eb).
- B. Updated Professional Resume/CV
This document should include easily identifiable sections such as
- Education
 - All teaching positions held (location, courses taught, years)
 - School/district activities (including extracurricular, coaching, and/or committees)
 - Community involvement/service
 - Professional Involvement and Contributions (including professional memberships and leadership in state/regional/national organizations, attendance/presentations at professional meetings, original publications/web resources/videos/tutorials, professional development, workshops, etc.)
- C. Short essay(maximum 400 words per topic below)
- Your philosophy of biological science education for high school/middle school students, relating this to your community and the nation.
 - Comment on teaching techniques and strategies that you use in your classroom.
 - Include how you present the topic of evolution in teaching biology.
- D. **THREE** letters of recommendation (from variety of perspectives such as colleague, administrator or supervisor, parent/student etc.). Because of the quantity of references received for all applicants, a confirmation of receipt will not be issued. If you want to make sure all letters are received by the OBTA Director, you may collect *closed letters* (sealed and signed on envelope by the letter author) and send them in one envelope. If you wish to confirm delivery to OBTA Director, use postal tracking options. Mail to:
- Kelley Tuel, OBTA Director
15669 S. Rene St.
Olathe, KS 66062
- Alternatively**, your references may be emailed directly by the author of the letter with your name in the subject line to the OBTA Director. Have references sent digitally to:
- kelly@tuel.us
- E. **OPTIONAL MATERIALS:**
- Include 1-3 of your favorite adaptations/modifications of labs or lessons. Include these by email attachment along with the rest of your application.
 - A short video (less than 10 minutes) of you teaching a lesson or interacting with your class (in classroom, on field trip, etc.). This video must be remotely accessible by a "click and view" option for the OBTA Committee. Do not mail a DVD. Please send a link to your video in the body of your application email.