



JENNIFER PFANNERSTILL TRAVEL AWARD

Purpose: In 2018, the NABT Board of Directors established a scholarship program to honor the memory of Jennifer Pfannerstill. Jen was well-known for her role within the AP[®] Biology community, where she served as a leader at the AP[®] Biology Read and as a co-chair of the AP[®] Biology Development Committee. Jen also held a number of high-profile leadership roles within NABT. She served as the AP Section Conference Coordinator, supported the NABT BioClub, and was a founding member of the *NABT Introductory Biology Task Force*. In this capacity, Jen was part of a movement to transform biology education across the entire pre-K through college spectrum.

Jen loved to "create novel opportunities for faculty from 4-year colleges, 2-year colleges, and high schools to learn from one another and innovate with one another." In the spirit of that effort, NABT has created the *Pfanny Pfund* to provide a travel scholarship to support first time participants to attend the NABT Professional Development Conference.

Award Description: The *Jennifer Pfannerstill Travel Award* will be given to a teacher who has successfully demonstrated an innovative approach to the teaching of biology and life science and who will carry that commitment to the larger professional community by attending the [NABT Professional Development Conference](#) for the first time.

Current NABT Members from all levels are invited to apply for the travel award.

Supported by [Bedford, Freeman, & Worth](#) and private contributions from the NABT community, the *Jennifer Pfannerstill Travel Award* includes registration to the NABT Conference, hotel accommodations for the duration of the conference, and up to \$1500 USD in travel reimbursement. The recipient also receives one-year of complimentary membership to NABT.

Deadline for Application: September 1, 2024

Please submit all application materials through the [Online Application Form](#)

Your submission should:

- Demonstrate integrity and scientific accuracy in teaching the subject matter, including evidence of your commitment to continuous professional development to stay current in the field of biology and biology education,
- Highlight your use of best practices that are investigative, student-centered, age-appropriate, and culturally relevant,
- Provide evidence of your commitment to disseminating your techniques and materials to others,

- Highlight any unique challenges or opportunities in the social and educational climate in which you work,
- Demonstrate a passion and vision for the value of biology education that is consistent with NABT's position statement, [Characteristics of Exemplary Life Science Teaching](#).

Materials Required:

- A complete award application.
- Professional Profile submitted as PDF.
- Personal Essay submitted as PDF.
- Two letters of support submitted by individuals uniquely qualified to evaluate your teaching effectiveness. One letter should be from your supervisor, principal, or other colleague on school letterhead with signature. The other can be from a current or former student, parent of current or a former student, community member, teacher/colleague.

Application Materials:

Professional Profile:

1. **Positions held:** Please provide a full listing of your professional positions. Include institution, title, and year(s) listed in chronological order, beginning with the most recent. Examples include:
 - Teaching / Professional
 - Administrative
 - Consulting
 - Volunteer
2. **Current teaching schedule:** Please list your current schedule, including courses taught, number of sections, and students per section.
3. **Current Syllabus:** Please show how the biology course or unit is organized in your classroom.
4. **Educational Record:** Please list your full educational record including degrees granted (include institution and year, major and minor), non-degree course work, informal education (special programs, workshops), and awards (scholarships or other recognition for academic excellence).
5. **Professional Involvement:**

Examples include:

 - Active membership in professional organizations – name of organizations, meetings attended, committee participation, etc.
 - Other relevant organizational involvement.
 - Professional journals you read regularly.
6. **Written Work and Resource Development:** Please provide a listing of published articles, curricula developed, and/or other contributions to your profession. Links to resources are encouraged.
7. **Local Involvement:** Please describe local (school or community) involvement related to your profession as a science educator.

Personal Essay:

Instructional environments are incredibly diverse, and each individual teacher has a unique professional narrative. Please provide a brief essay (1000 words or less) describing your personal philosophy on the importance of professional development and how the opportunity to attend the NABT Conference will impact your practice as an educator.

Letters of Support (see above)

All general questions about this award or the evaluation process should be directed to the NABT National Office at (888) 501-NABT or awards@nabt.org.