

*The*  
**Anton Banko**  
**AWARD**  
*for*

**EXCELLENCE**

*in*  
**TEACHING**  
**ELEMENTARY**  
**SCIENCE**

This award honors Anton Banko, an engineer who co-invented small incision cataract surgery. The technologies and procedures he pioneered are still used by surgeons today, and represent a true milestone in the evolution of STEM applications. It is in his memory that we celebrate an exceptional elementary teacher from New Jersey who is inspiring the next generation of inventors, scientists, and engineers.

*Do you know an elementary teacher who makes science “come to life” for his or her students?*

Nominate him or her for...

**The**  
**Anton Banko Award**  
*for Excellence in Teaching*  
**Elementary Science**

Presented by the New Jersey Science Convention,  
in partnership with Knowing Science

**T**he Anton Banko Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary Science recognizes an educator teaching in grades K-5 who is an outstanding teacher of science. The Banko Award covers expenses to attend the New Jersey Science Convention (up to \$1000) and \$2000 to purchase science supplies at the teacher's discretion.

The eligibility requirements for the Banko Award are:

- Currently teaching Kindergarten through 5th grade at a New Jersey public or private school
- A demonstrated ability to engage children in the study of science, in accordance with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science and the NGSS

To nominate a teacher for the Banko Award, send his or her name, position, school, and contact information by May 15 to Sandra Buleza at [awards@njscienceconvention.org](mailto:awards@njscienceconvention.org). NJSC will contact nominees to give them the opportunity to complete the application process. The deadline is June 30.

Questions? For more information contact Sandra Buleza, NJSC Awards Chairperson, at [awards@njscienceconvention.org](mailto:awards@njscienceconvention.org)

