

BEGINNING SCIENCE TEACHERS: SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE MENTORING SUPPORT

eMentoring for Student Success

Eligibility:

- The electronic Mentoring for Student Success (eMSS) program is exclusively for new middle and high school teachers in their first three years of teaching science.
- Applicants must be comfortable interacting online (through threaded discussions not chats).

The eMSS Experience:

- Mentoring takes place online.
- Mentoring is focused on science content, standards, science specific pedagogy, and research on student learning.
- One-to-one mentor/mentee match work within a "community" of mentors and mentees (private and public discussion areas).
- Participants have immediate access to a nationwide network of other mentor teachers and beginning science teachers.
- Mentor/mentee matches are made between teachers of the same subject area.
- Mentor/mentee do not work in the same school or district.
- Scientists participate to provide content support and share their research.
- Discussion forums are set up for earth, space, life, & physical science.
- Inquiries and "dilemmas," designed to explore different aspects of science teaching, are part of the mentoring experience.

Expectations:

- New teachers must complete mentee orientation by September 30th.
- New teachers must participate on a weekly basis in the eMSS online forum and complete requirements outlined at <http://emss.nsta.org>
- Option to receive academic credit.

Scholarships:

- A limited number of full scholarships are available through the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance.
- Request a scholarship in the narrative of the eMSS online application found at <http://emss.nsta.org>
- There is no cost to teachers who receive the scholarships, but there is an expectation that the individual fully participates in the program.
- For more information contact Lynn Farrin lfarrin@mmsa.org or 207.287.3776

Apply Today!

- There are a limited number of spaces. Apply early to ensure participation.
- Applications will remain open until September 30th to allow for new hires.
- Mentors and mentees will be paired beginning in August.
- Additional support options are available through the MMSA's NNECN Center www.nnecn.org

