Application Instructions

The Mary Creason Registration and Workshop Fee Award

The Physics Instructional Resource Association (PIRA) is pleased to administer the Mary Creason Registration and Workshop Fee Award. This award reimburses one or two selected individuals up to $500 to cover the registration and workshop fees for attending the national Summer Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Preference is given to individuals in financial need, teaching high school physics, living or working in the local AAPT section hosting the meeting, and taking PIRA-supported workshops. The scholarship is funded by donations of AAPT and PIRA members in memory of Dr. Mary Alice Creason, lecturer and coordinator of instructional laboratory activities in the Department of Physics at Duke University. The scholarship is to be awarded only to individuals who have no other source of funding for attending the meeting.

The deadline for submitting an application for the PIRA Creason Award is the 21st day (i.e. three weeks) after the final day of the AAPT summer meeting.

To apply, send a letter of application by e-mail to the Creason Award Selection Committee, c/o Dr. Steven K. Wonnell at wonnell@pha.jhu.edu or by USPS to Dr. Steven K. Wonnell, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Physics and Astronomy, 3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

In your letter, please provide the following:

• Applicant Name
• Applicant E-Mail address
• Applicant Home or Cell Phone Number
• Applicant Home Address
• Applicant’s School Name
• Applicant’s School Address
• Applicant’s Supervisor’s Name and Title
• Applicant’s Supervisor’s E-Mail Address
• Applicant’s Supervisor’s Phone Number

(Where “School” refers to the school at which you teach, and “Supervisor” refers to your Department chair, Principal, or other authority who can verify your credentials)

• AAPT Summer Meeting which you plan to, or did, attend
• Workshops that you plan to, or did, take
• A paragraph specifying the physics-related courses that you teach or plan to teach, how long you have been teaching, and how you expect this meeting to be of benefit to you. Specify also how you plan to cover any expenses for travel, food and board.

Please consider asking up to three other people to send a confidential email or letter directly to Steve Wonnell supporting your scholarship request. Preferably these should be people who can comment on the wisdom of providing you with funding to support your professional development at the AAPT meeting. Decisions will be made no later than October 31st of the year for which the application applies.