



Middle School Science Teachers,

Do you love evolutionary biology and feel passionate about sharing your knowledge with your middle school students?

We want to recognize your hard work and dedication!

And thank you for your efforts!

Introducing the \$240 TIES Teacher Scholarship Fund

The Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES) would like to honor middle school science teachers who have creatively and effectively taught a unit on evolution to their students. Although evolution is the unifying theme of biology, it is often given cursory treatment by middle school science teachers. The demands of state testing or pushback from parents and students can put evolution curriculum on the backburner in many middle school classrooms in our country.

Have you or somebody you know:

- Developed or found creative lessons for middle school students on evolution?
- Helped other teachers at your middle school be better teachers of evolution through professional development or resource-sharing?
- Discovered ways to allay parents and students' concerns about evolution without compromising quality evolution curriculum in your middle school classroom?

If so, please apply for the TIES Teacher Scholarship today. The deadline for application is 12 a.m., December 21, 2016. Ten winners will be announced before January 1, 2017.

You will need:

1. An essay describing your lessons on evolution or your positive impact in your school community regarding the teaching of evolutionary biology. Describe how you addressed the challenges you faced when teaching evolution in your middle school classroom/school. This can, but does not necessarily include pushback from parents, limited evolution curriculum at your grade level, and/or a lack of effective resources on the subject. (2-page maximum, 12-font, single-spaced)
2. A letter of support from a student, colleague, administrator, or parent detailing how your efforts made a positive difference in your students' understanding of evolutionary biology.
3. Optional: Lesson plans, lab or classroom activities, test scores, photos or other artifacts can be sent along with the essay and letter of support to help us better understand your hard work. (no page limit)

In addition, please complete and include the following informational page with your packet.

TIES Teacher Scholarship Cover Page

Teacher Name:

Teacher phone number:

Teacher e-mail address:

School:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

How many years have you been teaching?

Grade(s) you are currently teaching:

Grades you have previously taught (if applicable):

Subjects taught:

Does your state have evolution standards at your grade level? If so, copy and paste the standard(s) addressed by the lessons you shared in your essay below.

Please send your scholarship application as a Word Document to Bertha Vazquez at bertha@richarddawkins.net

Please note: If chosen, TIES would like to feature your accomplishments on its webpage and social media pages. We may ask you to write a short bio for this purpose.

