



## **Thomas Built Buses, Inc. Continuing Education and Professional Growth Grant**

Beginning in 1994, Thomas Built Buses agreed to provide a \$2,500 per year grant to be awarded to a member of NSTA for continuing education purposes. Only one award is presented each year, and an individual may receive the award only once.

### **PURPOSE**

To further the professional and business education of younger persons presently associated with contracted pupil transportation.

### **METHOD**

Thomas Built Buses, Inc. will deposit with NSTA the funds for the award each year.

NSTA agrees with Thomas Built Buses that award funds will be released to the award recipient to reimburse for costs of educational programs which, in NSTA's opinion, will carry out the purpose of the award.

All recipients must use their grant funds within two (2) years of being awarded. Otherwise, the grant funds will revert back to NSTA for additional grant recipients.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The nominee must be a member in good standing of the National School Transportation Association for at least five consecutive years, and a school bus contractor for at least five consecutive years.
2. The nominee must be a member of the state contractors' association, if there is one, for at least five consecutive years.
3. Only an individual may be nominated and be eligible for this award. A company's locations may receive the award more than once, but an individual may only receive this award one time. The person must apply as an individual. They then must meet the requirements of number one, under Eligibility, plus be at the same location for at least five consecutive years.
4. Only one award may be given out annually; grant funds must be used within two years of the award. Otherwise, they revert back to NSTA for additional grant recipients.

### **NOMINATION**

Either a state contractors' association or an NSTA contractor member may nominate. Written nominations must be received in the NSTA office by June 4, 2010.

### **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

1. The nominee is to provide information on the cities or towns in which he/she contracts and the date he/she has operated in each location. Written information must be received by June 4, 2010.

2. NSTA will provide the committee with information on the nominee's involvement with the association and years of NSTA membership.
3. The nominator shall send to NSTA by June 4, 2010:
  - a. Personal resume of the nominee
  - b. The reasons this individual is being nominated including positions and dates served on local, state, and national levels, community involvement and special accomplishments.
  - c. At least 3 photos of the nominee, including one in a professional setting and one in a less formal setting. Please email these photos to [info@yellowbuses.org](mailto:info@yellowbuses.org) after you have sent in your application.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

Recipients must accept the award in person at NSTA's annual convention, unless extenuating circumstances are approved by the Awards Work Team in advance.

Recipients must be willing to make a report to the Board of Directors at the next NSTA Annual Convention sharing his/her experience (written information, facts, data, etc.) with fellow contractors.

### **DEADLINES**

1. All nominations must be received at the NSTA office by June 4, 2010. Mail to NSTA, 113 South West Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314.
2. All verifying information and photos must be received at the NSTA office by June 4, 2010.
3. The Awards Team will review the information and notify the nominator by June 21, 2010.