The American Association of Petroleum Geologists’ (AAPG) Foundation’s National Earth Science Teacher of the Year Award program, initiated in 1996, exists to recognize teachers who go beyond the textbook to incorporate applied geology into their lesson plans and "bring students an appreciation of how one field of science touches their everyday life.” In support of this program, AGI provides each teacher an Earth Science Week kit and a copy of an AGI publication.

**2020 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:**
- Teacher of the Year: Rebekah Kienenberger
- Honorable Mention: Sabrina Ewald, Carolyn Klein, Haley Metcalf, Lynn “Ted” Pendergrass, Rhoda Perkes

**2019 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:**
- Teacher of the Year: Laura Branch
- Honorable Mention: Chuck Schepke, Rebekah Kienenberger

**2018 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:**
- Teacher of the Year: Deborah Morgan
- Honorable Mention: Andre Raymond, Coby Weyhmiller, Eric Woodard, Matthew Brunner, Leigh Marsh

**2017 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:**
- Teacher of the Year: Julie Mitchell
- Honorable Mention: Dylan Canavan, Molly Shaw, Leigh Marsh

**2016 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:**
Teacher of the Year: Karen Waterbury
Honorable Mention:
  Jill Bushaw
  Ilena Krupala
  Katherine Hoover
  Shannon Chatwin
  Larry Rodgers
2015 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Jacqueline Bath
Honorable Mention:
  Susan Boucher
  Jennifer Reyes
  Katherine Hoover
  Shannon Chatwin
  Stephan Kiouses
2014 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Heather McArdle
Honorable Mention:
  Sabrina Ewald
  Madelyn Percy
  Chung Khong
  Debra Stiles
  Alexandra Holter
2013 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Chris Bolhuis
Honorable Mention:
  Sheryl Sides
  Sue Ellen Lyons
  Wendy Van Norden
  Denece Lord
2012 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Jonna Gentry
Honorable Mention:
  Sue Ellen Lyons
  Heather Marshall
  Kurtz Miller
  Laura Opper
  Paul Sawyer
2011 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Sharon Milito
Honorable Mention:
  Shay Harman
  Michael Warren
  Leah Keith-Houle
2010 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Stef Paramoure
Honorable Mention:
  Thomas Hollis
  Paula Jameson
  Julie Pollard
2009 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Ty Scott Robinson
Honorable Mention:
  Cristopher Marshall
  Annette Calabretta
  Kimberly Beck
  Laura Barnes

2008 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Mary Fitts
Honorable Mention:
  Stef Paramoure
  Scott Clark
  Steve Tyree

2007 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Ryan Henry
Honorable Mention:
  Scott Kluever
  Candace Penrod
  Scott Goetsch

2006 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Jim Mears
Honorable Mention:
  Rhonda L. Bodiford

2005 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Marilyn Bachman
Honorable Mention:
  Linda M. Burns
  John Ghist
  Sheryl Schickedanz
  Carol Muñiz
  Barbara Gallivan

2004 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Michael Fillipow
Honorable Mention:
  Chandra Hamilton
  Ruth Hendricks
  Gerald Gutoski
  William J. Christiansen

2003 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Amy John
Honorable Mention:
  Carolyn Stallings
  Raymond Kucklinca
  Martha Peters
  Jamie Scott

2002 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Kevin Leineweber
Honorable Mention:
John Jackson
Rebecca Kerr
Andrea Walker
Laura Opper
2001 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: John McKinney
Honorable Mention:
Joel Stewart
Connie Sergent
Diedra Wakeley
Thomas Arnold
2000 AAPG Foundation National and Sectional Awardees Included:
Teacher of the Year: Peggy Lubchenco
Honorable Mention:
Thom Adorney
Sally Kirkpatrick
Beverly Ring