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