

## **Top Stars: Educators Invited to Submit Examples of Inspiring Uses of Hubble in Education.**

Top Stars Web Site: <http://topstars.strategies.org>

U.S. formal (K-12, college) and informal educators -- both individuals and teams of up to four members -- are invited to submit their best examples of using the Hubble Space Telescope in science, technology, engineering or mathematics education.

Entries will be accepted from May 2009 to January 2010, and may include any combination of text, graphics, video and photos. Selected entries will be recognized as "Top Stars."

Educators selected as Top Stars will have their entry featured on the Top Stars Web site and will receive the following recognition and awards:

\* A high-quality photo print (48" x 24") of a Hubble image;  
Invitation to attend via teleconference a special briefing by a Hubble scientist or engineer; and Recognition as Top Stars on NASA Web sites.

The Top Stars contest is sponsored by NASA and is a project of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in Arlington, Va.

Entries will be reviewed by IGES, NASA scientists and educators, and Top Star selections will be made periodically through the contest period according to the following schedule:

Entries submitted by: May 29, 2009  
Awards Announced: June 30, 2009

Entries submitted by: August 30, 2009  
Awards Announced: September 30, 2009

Entries submitted by: November 30, 2009  
Awards Announced: December 18, 2009

Entries submitted by: January 2, 2010  
Awards Announced: January 28, 2010

In addition, the top 10 Top Stars -- as selected by IGES staff, NASA scientists and educators -- will be recognized as "Gold Stars." These educators will receive an official letter of commendation from NASA, be featured in an article on Nasa.gov, be invited to present their entry to other educators nationwide over the NASA Digital Learning Network, and more.

The Top Stars Web site will begin accepting entries April 30. For more information, please visit <http://topstars.strategies.org>.

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