



Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)



- The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching represent the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science teaching.
- Established by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards are made to elementary (K-6th grade) and secondary (7th-12th grade) teachers on alternate years.
- Since the program's inception, more than 4,200 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.
- Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.
- In 2014, PAEMST will recognize the winners of the 2012 competition—outstanding K-6 science and mathematics teachers—at an event in Washington, D.C.
- Teachers are nominated by students, parents, colleagues, or supervisors, or they may apply directly. Each teacher completes an online application that includes a written narrative and a video recording of her or his class in action that demonstrates teaching excellence.
- Applications can be submitted by teachers from the 50 states as well as four U.S. jurisdictions: Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools; and the U.S. territories, encompassing American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Applications are reviewed at the state and national levels by selection committees of outstanding scientists, mathematicians, education researchers, school and district administrators, and educators. Recommendations are sent to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for final selection.
- Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President, a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) administers PAEMST on behalf of OSTP.
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