



## Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Rewarding & Inspiring Great Teaching Since 1983

### The Nation's Highest Honors for Teachers of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM, including Computer Science)

Opens the 2020-2021 Awards Cycle on  
1 November 2020  
for Grade 7 -12 Teachers

#### What are the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching?

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. The Awards were established by Congress in 1983. The President may recognize up to 108 exemplary teachers each year.

Go to the [PAEMST Interactive Map](#) to see past awardees from NH!

#### Why Apply?

Recipients of the award receive the following:

- A certificate signed by the President of the United States.
- A paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities.
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.
- An opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation.

#### Eligibility -- Applicants must:

- teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the 7-12 grade level in a public (including charter) or private school;
- hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- be full-time employees of the school or school district as determined by state and district policies, with responsibilities for teaching students no less than 50% of the school's allotted instructional time;
- have at least five years of full-time employment as a K-12 teacher **prior to the 2020-2021 academic school year** during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties *each of the five years*;
- teach in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands);
- be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; and
- not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.

#### Nomination

Anyone—principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public—may nominate exceptional individuals who teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science in grades 7-12 for this award year. **To submit a nomination, the following information is required:** Teacher's name, Email address, and School contact information

Nominations may be submitted for more than one teacher.

**Teachers may also initiate the application process themselves**

Nominations can be made at: PAEMST