



Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Do you know or are you an exemplary math or science teacher in **the seventh through twelfth grade**? Please consider nominating him/her/them for the PAEMST Awards. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition a K-12 teacher can receive for outstanding science or mathematics teaching in the United States.

Why apply? Recipients of the award receive the following:

- A certificate signed by the President of the United States.
- A paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities.
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

In addition to recognizing outstanding teaching in mathematics or science, the program provides teachers with an opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital resource for improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and keeping America globally competitive.

Awardees are recognized for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 4000 outstanding teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. If you know great teachers, nominate them to join this prestigious network of professionals. If you are a great teacher, you may nominate yourself!

Nominations and the Applications are now available online (www.paemst.org) for the 2017 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Teachers may nominate themselves or someone else (e.g., principals, teachers, parents, or other members of the general public) may nominate them for this award. To apply, teachers must first be nominated for the award. Once nominated, teachers will receive an email with a login and password to access the online application. The application deadline for 7-12 grade teachers is May 1, 2017. Elementary teachers (K-6) are eligible to apply in 2018.

The Michigan Department of Education has asked the Michigan Science Teachers Association to oversee this program for the State of Michigan. We are honored to be the host of this awards program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, Betty Crowder, our State Coordinator, at betty_crowder@msta-mich.org. In the meantime, please visit the Presidential Awards website this fall to find the nomination form for the teacher of your choice! Why not you? www.paemst.org The rewards are worth the effort! You deserve it!