



## What are the Benefits of Receiving a Presidential Award?

Presidential Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States, a trip 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.

Awardees also join an active network of outstanding educators from throughout the Nation. Since 1983, more than 4,800 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.



# Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



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PAEMST on behalf of The White House  
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Nominate an outstanding teacher  
or apply today!

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## About PAEMST

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. The Awards were established by Congress in 1983. The President may recognize up to 108 exemplary teachers each year.

Awards are given to STEM teachers from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of STEM education.

## Who May Nominate?

Anyone—principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public—may nominate exceptional science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teachers at [www.paemst.org](http://www.paemst.org). To submit a nomination, the form requires the teacher's name, email address, and school name. If a person knows more than one teacher worthy of this award, more than one nomination may be submitted.

Awards alternate each year between elementary and secondary teachers. Nominations of elementary school teachers (grades K–6) are due on March 1<sup>st</sup> in even numbered years, and nominations of secondary school teachers (grades 7–12) are due on March 1<sup>st</sup> in odd-numbered years.



## Who May Apply?

Teachers may initiate the application process themselves at [www.paemst.org](http://www.paemst.org).

Each applicant must:

- teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of his or her contracted teaching responsibilities at the K–12 grade level in a public (including charter) or private school;
- hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- be a full-time employee 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 during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties prior to the 2019–2020 academic school year;
- 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 a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; and
- not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.