



Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



- The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching represent the highest honors bestowed by the U.S. government for K–12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics 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 5,000 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 STEM education.
- In 2020, the White House announced 107 awardees from the most recent 7–12th grade PAEMST competition.
- Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate a teacher to apply. Teachers may also apply directly.
- Each teacher completes an online application that includes a written narrative and a video that demonstrates teaching excellence.
- Applications can be submitted by teachers from the 50 states, Washington D.C., the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and the Jurisdictions (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Selection committees of outstanding scientists, mathematicians, education researchers, school and district administrators and educators review applications at state and national levels. 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 to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and join a cadre of over 5,000 PAEMST alumni. They also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- The Excellence Awards in Science and Engineering (EASE) Program within NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources administers PAEMST on behalf of OSTP.
- The EASE Program also manages the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM; paesmem.net).
- For additional information and a list of awardees, go to paemst.org.
- Media may contact Michelle Negrón at (703) 292-2829 or mnegron@nsf.gov.



Meet the Awardees

Margaret Acree

Louisiana
Mathematics

Ruth Caraballo

Puerto Rico
Mathematics

Karen Donathan

West Virginia
Mathematics

Jennifer Fitzgerald

New Jersey
Mathematics

Lynnea Bahm

Arizona
Mathematics

Kimberly Carpenter

North Dakota
Mathematics

Susan Downer

New Hampshire
Science

Tessie Ford

Hawaii
Science

Hemalatha Bhaskaran

Maryland
Science

Denise Clemens

South Dakota
Science

Alysia Durham

DoDEA*
Mathematics

Jill Francis

North Carolina
Science

Myron Blosser

Virginia
Science

Linda Cochran

Colorado
Mathematics

Theodore Emch

Michigan
Mathematics

Eric Friberg

Minnesota
Science

Shani Bourn

Mississippi
Science

Janice Coonrod

California
Science

Tyler Erb

North Carolina
Mathematics

Jessye Gaines

Alabama
Mathematics

Becky Bride

Florida
Mathematics

Jodi Cunningham

Nevada
Mathematics

Jessica Esquibel

New Mexico
Mathematics

Jason Galbraith

Oregon
Science

Debra Bulin

Nebraska
Mathematics

Natalie Darrington

Utah
Mathematics

Jordan Estock

Delaware
Science

Robyn Graziano

Maine
Mathematics

Paula Callender

Louisiana
Science

David Degenhardt

South Carolina
Science

Cheryl Fentress

Oklahoma
Science

Erin Greenwood

Colorado
Science

John Cangelosi

Maine
Science

Carla Diede

South Dakota
Mathematics

Katherine Fincher

Texas
Science

Jessica Gregerson

North Dakota
Mathematics

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Wisconsin
Mathematics

Pamela Hytower

Georgia
Mathematics

Elegan Kramer

Missouri
Science

Robert Mayne

Rhode Island
Mathematics

Melody Hagaman

New Mexico
Science

Bradley Jacobson

Iowa
Science

Amy Leising

Nebraska
Science

Carol McKay

Washington
Mathematics

Pamela Hamilton

Alabama
Science

Sharon Jaeschke

Iowa
Mathematics

Billie Long

Tennessee
Science

Angela McKeen

West Virginia
Science

Jessica Haskins

Missouri
Mathematics

Kelly Jakab-Muller

New York
Science

Alessandra MacFarlane

New Jersey
Science

Mary McMahon

Montana
Mathematics

Mary Hatch

Arkansas
Science

Robert Jensen

Montana
Science

Jessica Macken

Minnesota
Mathematics

William McWatters

Pennsylvania
Science

Megan Heberle

Georgia
Science

Tanya Katovich

Illinois
Science

Torri Martin

Kentucky
Mathematics

Keri Meador

Kentucky
Science

Kerryn Henderson

Oregon
Science

Aimee Kay

Wyoming
Science

Stacie Marvin

Maryland
Mathematics

Christine Mendoza

Arizona
Science

Luke Henke

Kansas
Mathematics

Ashley Kearney

District of Columbia
Mathematics

Bridget Matamoros-Mota

Texas
Mathematics

Kirstin Milks

Indiana
Science

Holly Hereau

Michigan
Science

Jennifer Kelley

Wyoming
Mathematics

Susan Matthias

Pennsylvania
Mathematics

Brigit Minden

Oklahoma
Mathematics



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Carolyn Petite

Ohio
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Jeremy Secaur

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Jenny Van Buren

South Carolina
Mathematics

Jerod Morehouse

Idaho
Mathematics

Stephanie Quarato

Connecticut
Mathematics

Brian Shay

California
Mathematics

Eileen Voltz

Delaware
Mathematics

David Morrill

Utah
Science

Jane Ramos

Rhode Island
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David Sladkey

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Michelle Morton-Curitt

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Mathematics

Margaret Richard

Kansas
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Angela Snyder

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Mathematics

Huguette Williams

Tennessee
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Melodie Murray

Arkansas
Mathematics

Yamitza Rosas Rodriguez

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Scott Sowell

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Science

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Vermont
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Christopher Newlan

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San Nicolas-Diaz**

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Kristie Yamamoto

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Karen Olson

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LeShundra Young

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Lali Thundiyil

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