



## Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



- 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–6<sup>th</sup> grade) and secondary (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) teachers on alternate years.
- Since the program's inception, more than 4,700 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 2018, PAEMST recognizes 104 recipients grade K–6<sup>th</sup> competition at an event in Washington, D.C.
- 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 recording of their class in action that demonstrates teaching excellence.
- Applications can be submitted by teachers from the 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and the U.S. territories. U.S. territories include 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 and a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities. 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](http://paemst.org).
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## Meet the Awardees

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Science  
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Mathematics  
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Mathematics  
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Mathematics  
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Mathematics  
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Mathematics  
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Mathematics  
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