



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–6th grade) and secondary (7th–12th 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–6th 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.
- Media may contact Bobbie Mixon at (703) 292-8485 or bmixon@nsf.gov.



Meet the Awardees

ALABAMA**Chasity Collier**

Science
Mobile, AL

Heather Simpson

Mathematics
Hueytown, AL

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Mathematics
Anchorage, AK

Heather Wollrich

Science
Anchorage, AK

ARIZONA**Penny Roubison**

Mathematics
Buckeye, AZ

Erik Von Burg

Science
Mesa, AZ

ARKANSAS**Justin Leflar**

Science
Fayetteville, AR

Amy Sandy

Mathematics
Springdale, AR

CALIFORNIA**Gabriela Cárdenas**

Mathematics
Los Angeles, CA

Nancy Wright

Science
Hayward, CA

COLORADO**Stephanie Kawamura**

Science
Parker, CO

Sarah Ogier

Mathematics
Littleton, CO

CONNECTICUT**Sean Serafino**

Science
Monroe, CT

Heather Sutkowski

Mathematics
Hartford, CT

DELAWARE**Christa Ferdig**

Mathematics
Millsboro, DE

Wendy Turner

Science
Wilmington, DE

**DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA****Kelley Padilla**

Mathematics
Washington, DC

Jennifer Ramsey

Science
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Science
APO, AE

Angelica Jordan

Mathematics
APO, AE

FLORIDA**Alicia Foy**

Science
Lake Worth, FL

Deeanna Golden

Mathematics
Marianna, FL

GEORGIA**Carrie Beth Rykowski**

Science
Cumming, GA

Christy Sutton

Mathematics
Leesburg, GA

HAWAII**Akeyo Garcia**

Mathematics
Ewa Beach, HI

Masaru Uchino

Science
Pearl City, HI

IDAHO**Susan Darden**

Mathematics
Eagle, ID

Lynnea Shafter

Science
Meridian, ID

ILLINOIS**Gretchen Brinza**

Science
Chicago, IL

Reginald Duncan

Mathematics
Belleville, IL

INDIANA**Lisa Leliaert**

Mathematics
Maxwell, IN

Shelly Sparrow

Science
Mishawaka, IN

* DoDEA: U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity; APO, AE: Army Post Office, Army Europe



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Ashley Flatebo
Science
Mason City, IA

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KENTUCKY

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Mathematics
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Science
Somerset, KY

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Stefani Farris
Science
Shreveport, LA

Claudia Suazo
Mathematics
Metairie, LA

MAINE

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Mathematics
Yarmouth, ME

Tonya Prentice
Science
Bryant Pond, ME

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Florence Falatko
Mathematics
Towson, MD

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Science
Ellicott City, MD

MASSACHUSETTS

Jennifer Donais
Mathematics
Haverhill, MA

Lorie Hammerstrom
Science
Quincy, MA

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Science
Gibraltar, MI

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Mathematics
Ann Arbor, MI

MINNESOTA

Janeé Rivard-Johnson
Mathematics
Minneapolis, MN

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Science
St. Paul, MN

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Gulfport, MS

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Science
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Middleton, WI

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Lovell, WY

Janet Wragge

Science
Casper, WY