



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

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Dear National Board Certified Teacher:

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest recognition that a science or mathematics teacher can receive. We are encouraging exemplary teaching professionals to pursue this singular distinction.

Coordinated by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the PAEMST program honors outstanding science and mathematics teachers from every state. Each year, California can recommend two mathematics teachers and two science teachers. Since the program's beginning 25 years ago, 78 California teachers have been named Presidential Award recipients. Recipients are honored at the White House and receive a \$10,000 award, plus various prizes from sponsors. The Award Cycle for 2008-09 will recognize outstanding science and mathematics teachers who currently teach at least half-time in grades seven through twelve.

This year, the nomination process will use the on-line PAEMST Web-based Nomination Form. Nominations will be accepted through **April 1, 2009**. The process takes just a few minutes and the form is available on the national PAEMST Web site at <http://www.paemst.org>

Teachers may be nominated by a principal, parent, or teaching peer. Once nominated, candidates must complete an application packet that includes a written response and a 30-minute, unedited DVD video of a classroom lesson. The application packet is due **May 1, 2009**. California will convene a team of expert reviewers to evaluate the experience and expertise of the individual candidates, and then will forward the most qualified on to the NSF.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Jim Miller, Education Research and Evaluation Consultant, Awards Unit, at 916-319-0600 or by e-mail at paemst@cde.ca.gov