## Nominations are Now Open for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in grades k-6

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government for teachers in these subject areas. The award recognizes those teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. This year the program is open for k-6 grade teachers of mathematics or science.

The two necessary steps necessary for a teacher to be considered to receive this award are listed below with a brief description.

## Step I: The Nomination Process:

Anyone—principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public—may nominate exceptional mathematics or science (including computer science) teachers teaching in grades K-6 for the 2014 Award Year. Nominations may be submitted for more than one teacher. Additionally, teachers may also nominate themselves.

To submit a nomination, a brief online submission is necessary at <a href="https://www.paemst.org">https://www.paemst.org</a>. The only information necessary in Step I is the teacher name, the email address of the teacher and the school contact information.

## Step II: The Application Process

After a teacher is nominated on the PAEMST website, they will receive an email invitation to Submit an online application. This application consists of three components: Administrative, Narrative, and Video. The components allow the applicant to provide evidence of deep content knowledge and exemplary pedagogical skills that result in improved student learning. The teacher has until May 1, 2014 to complete their entire application online.

For further information concerning the award and eligibility requirements, access <a href="here">here</a>. For specific information about the application and the selection process at both the national and local level access <a href="here">here</a>.

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