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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Mary Jane Kurabinski, Director
Office of STEM Education

SUBJECT: Presidential Awards for Excellence Nomination Form

We invite you to nominate K-6 teachers for the 2012 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Please go to the PAEMST website at www.paemst.org to complete an online nomination form.

For further information about the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, please see the enclosed information or visit the PAEMST website. If you have any questions, you may contact Shirley Cooper, Mathematics coordinator, at (609) 984-7454 or shirley.cooper@doe.state.nj.us or Michael Heinz, Science coordinator, at (609) 984-7453 or michael.heinz@doe.state.nj.us.

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c: Members, State Board of Education
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Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Since 1983, more than 4,100 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. Up to 108 teachers are recognized each year.

Presidential Awardees receive a citation signed by the President of the United States, a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Anyone--principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public--may nominate exceptional mathematics and science teachers.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

April 1, 2012

WHO CAN APPLY?

Elementary school mathematics and science teachers (K-6th grade) can apply this year. Secondary school teachers (7th-12th grades) are eligible to apply in 2013.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 1, 2012

TO NOMINATE OR APPLY, VISIT:

<http://www.paemst.org>

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The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.