

August 1, 2014

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Dear Sara:

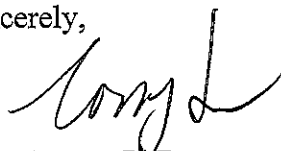
Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your application for the 2014 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is one of the state-level mathematics applications that has been forwarded to the national level. You represent the best of a cadre of outstanding mathematics teachers in Wisconsin.

As a state level finalist, your application will be reviewed by a prestigious national selection committee appointed by the National Science Foundation. One mathematics and one science teacher from each state may be selected to receive the 2014 PAEMST award at the national level. Selected teachers will be officially notified by the White House. National level Presidential awardees will receive \$10,000 and an all-expense paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., where awardees will be honored at a variety of ceremonies.

A state ceremony honoring your exemplary work will be held during the 2014-15 school year. Details about that event will be sent to you later this fall.

Please accept my congratulations for being a Wisconsin State Finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Enjoy the honor that the state selection committee has bestowed upon you in recognition of your excellence in teaching.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers, PhD  
State Superintendent

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c: Kristine A. Gilmore, District Administrator, D.C. Everest Area School District  
Patrick Phalen, Principal, Mountain Bay Elementary School

# Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

## About the Awards

### What are the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching?

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science (including computer science) teaching. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year.

Awards are given to mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Education Activity schools; and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

The award recognizes those teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. Since the program's inception, more than 4,200 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 (including computer science) education. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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### Why Apply?

Recipients of the award receive the following:

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

In addition to recognizing outstanding teaching in mathematics or science (including computer science), the program provides teachers with an opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital resource for improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics .