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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
Mississippi Science Teachers Association  
Mississippi PTA  
Mississippi Association of Independent Schools

FROM: Nathan Oakley, Bureau Director *NO*  
Office of Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

DATE: December 4, 2012

The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations and applications for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) program. The PAEMST is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. This program recognizes teachers for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

To apply, teachers must first be nominated for the award. Principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public may nominate a teacher by completing a nomination form. Teachers may also self-nominate to apply. Once nominated, teachers will receive an invitation to begin the application process. All applications for nominated secondary school teachers (Grades 7-12) must be completed by May 1, 2013. Elementary school teachers (Grades K-6) will be eligible to apply during the Spring of 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. **Online nomination eligibility and forms are available at [www.paemst.org](http://www.paemst.org).**

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