

Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching

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How to Get Started

- Think about your most successful/exciting math activities.
- Think about activities where your kids have exceeded your expectations.
- Talk to peers about activities they've admired.
- Think about projects where parents gushed at your genius. 😊
- Plan several hours to reflect on your math instruction, type ideas, edit ideas, re-edit, etc.

Why Should YOU Apply?

- Why NOT? There are no promotions/raises for outstanding educators outside awards. Toot your own horn.
- Three Finalists are selected.
- The state Winner is awarded \$10,000 to be used at their discretion to promote math and science education. They are also sent to Washington DC to meet other Winners at the White House.
- Unlike many other school-selected awards, this is not a popularity contest.

Benefits I Have Received Since Becoming a Finalist

- I have been selected as a Finalist 3 times and received \$1500.00.
- I have since been inducted into the Florida League of Teachers.
- I am a member of FMPA², an organization of Presidential Award Winners/Finalists.
- I am asked to conduct staff development in-county as an "expert".
- I've overheard people "name dropping" MY NAME!!!
- I feel appreciated and valued as an educator.