



**Anchorage Post,
Society of American Military Engineers
Excellence in Teaching Award In Science and Mathematics**

2007 Nomination Packet

**Teachers of Grades 10-12
Nomination Deadline: December 15, 2006**

The Anchorage Post SAME Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (EMST) program was established in 1995 by the Anchorage Post. The program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, 10th thru 12th grade, in the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts who are teaching full-time in public or private schools. These teachers serve as models for their colleagues and are leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics education as well as contributing significantly to the early development of future engineers and scientists.

Since 1995, more than a dozen teachers have been selected as Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Awardees. They represent a premier group of mathematics and science teachers who bring high standards to life in their classrooms. They provide the Community and the Nation with an impressive array of expertise to help improve teaching and learning student development.

For the 2007 EMST award, teachers of grades 10-12 mathematics and science in the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts are eligible to apply. Teachers nominated for the 2007 EMST award must be nominated by parents, students other teachers, members of the community, or SAME members. ***Self-nominations will not be accepted.***

Each Excellence in Teaching Awardee will receive a \$1,000 award from the Anchorage Post and a Certificate of Recognition. Each Awardee will also be invited to attend, along with a guest, the Anchorage Post Annual Banquet in February 2007 to formally receive recognition and the award.

2007 Excellence in Teaching Award Program Information

Eligibility

The following are the eligibility criteria for the 2007 Nominees:

- They must be teachers in one of the Anchorage School District or Mat-Su School District public secondary schools or NAAS accredited private school.
- They must be full-time employees of their school.
- They must have at least five (5) years of mathematics and/or science teaching experience prior to nomination.
- They must be assigned to teach grades 10-12 mathematics and/or science in a public or private school, and,

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- They must be grades 10-12 teachers assigned, at least half time during the school year, to classroom teaching of mathematics or science, or teach in self-contained classrooms in grades 10-12.
- They must be residents of Alaska

*Individuals who have received the Anchorage Post SAME Excellence in Teaching Award in the past 5 years are **not** eligible.*

Categories

Teachers compete in either/or both the mathematics or science category.

Selection Process

- Teachers must be nominated for the award. Anyone (e.g., principals, teachers, students, Anchorage Post SAME members, other members of the general public) may nominate a teacher for the award by filling out the nomination form available on request from SAME, contact John K. Magee at jmagee@rmconsult.com.
- The Anchorage Post SAME will convene a Selection Board to choose at most two Awardees, one from each school district, for recognition at the January annual SAME banquet. Each of the Selectees receives the SAME Certificate for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and a monetary award of up to \$1,000. To ensure consistency the Selection Board will use the criteria in this nomination packet to score submissions.

Nomination Components and Instructions

I. Nomination Form

Complete the nomination form (pages 6 of this packet).

II. Nominators Narrative (500 words maximum)–

Explain the basis of you nomination including such things as:

- comments on nominees talent in teaching;
- examples of work in and out of the classroom;
- examples of participation in extracurricular activities such as math and science clubs, mentoring students in local, state and national science and/or math competitions;
- how the nominee sparks the students imagination;

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- how the nominee relates math and science to everyday life; and,
- how the nominee inspires students to pursue careers in mathematics, science and/or engineering.

III. Background and Experience

Provide a single-spaced resumé for your nominee, not to exceed **two (2) pages**, with the following information:

- A. Formal Education: Include institutions, dates, and degrees
- B. Teaching Experience: List school(s), teaching assignments, dates, and any other information that provides an accurate description of your teaching career.
- C. Professional Development: Provide examples of professional development experiences in which nominee has participated over the last five years.
- D. Professional Service: Include any leadership roles nominee has held, publications authored, presentations at regional or national conferences (include city, topic, and date), and research nominee has conducted.
- E. Awards, Recognition, Grants, Professional Organizations: List any awards or grants nominee has received and professional organizations with which nominee is affiliated. List only those that relevant to mathematics or science education.
- F. Service to the Community (outside of teaching).

IV. Letter of Employment Confirmation

Provide a letter from nominee's school principal confirming nominee's full-time employment. The letter, comprised of a few sentences, **must be submitted on school stationery, signed and dated**. It should indicate that nominee is in good standing and confirm that nominee's teaching assignment makes nominee eligible for this award.

- V. If Nominee is a teacher in a private school, provide proof of school possessing NAAS full accreditation in mathematics and/or science.

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Instructions for Submission

Please follow all instructions carefully. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

1. Make sure all required components are included in the Nomination submission:
 - Nomination Form (page 5) ***signed and dated***;
 - Nominators Narrative (page 6); and,
 - Nominee's Background and Experience, two (2) single-spaced pages maximum (pages 7 and 8),
 - Staples and paper clips are acceptable for compiling and securing the original nomination. ***Do not use folders, notebooks, or report covers.***
 - Letter of employment confirmation from school principal on school letterhead, ***signed and dated***; and,
 - Documentation of NAAS accreditation in mathematics and/or science if school is private.

2. Completed packets, **email by December 15, 2006** and hardcopy **postmarked by December 15, 2006**, must be submitted to SAME Coordinator. Nomination packets may be submitted by email in PDF format but must be followed by original nomination in hardcopy original.
 - Send emails to John K. Magee jmagee@rmconsult.com.
 - Send hardcopy to:

John K. Magee, P.E.
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