

MATH AND SCIENCE AWARDS

8th-12th Grade Teachers
Nominations due by **January 8, 2016**

Principals are vital to the nomination process of these awards. Abilene Education Foundation relies on district newsletters, websites, parent letters/newsletters, parent group newsletters, faculty bulletin boards and newsletters to create awareness of these awards. Your help is greatly appreciated in publicizing this opportunity to recognize exceptional secondary math and science teachers. Deserving teachers are on every AISD middle and high school campus. Below is important information to help you understand these awards.

BASIC INFORMATION:

1. Nominations for these awards will be accepted from administrators, parents, fellow teachers, students (current or former AISD) or community members.
2. To be eligible for nomination, 8th-12th grade teachers must teach one of the math or science courses listed below. The names of eligible teachers can be found on the AEF website. (aaeff.org)

MATH

Algebra I	Pre AP Pre Calculus
Pre AP Algebra I	AP Calculus
Algebra II	AP Statistics
Pre AP Algebra II	Statistics & Risk Management
Geometry	Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Pre AP Geometry	Principles of Engineering
College Prep Math	Engineering Design & Development
Pre Calculus	Introduction to Engineering Design

SCIENCE

Pre AP Science	Physics
Biology	Pre AP Physics
Pre AP Biology	AP Physics
AP Biology	Environmental Systems
Chemistry	AP Environmental Science
Pre AP Chemistry	Anatomy & Physiology
AP Chemistry	Medical Microbiology
Engineering Design & Problem Solving	Pathophysiology

3. The TLC Selection Committee will choose (a.) six finalists from all nominees for math teachers and (b.) five finalists from all nominees for science teachers. Each of the eleven finalists will be awarded \$500.
4. From the finalists, the TLC Selection Committee will select one math teacher and one science teacher as the recipients of the **Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Awards for Math and Science Teachers**. The two winners will each receive an additional \$1,000.
5. Winners should be exceptional teachers as reflected by the performance of their students on nationally standardized tests, college performance and the opinions of students and professional peers.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS:

1. The **NOMINATOR** must complete the online form on AEF's home page (aaeff.org) by **January 8, 2016**. This form includes general information about the nominee and a nomination letter describing how the nominee meets the criteria, including the nominee's contributions to education in math or science.
2. The **NOMINEE** will be notified the week of January 12-19, 2016, and must provide the following by **February 5, 2016**. Recommendation letters may be submitted online; mailed to Christine Curtis-Carr, P. O. Box 1999, Abilene, TX 79604; or emailed to christine.curtis-carr@abileneisd.org.
 - a. Letter of recommendation from *at least one* AISD colleague
 - b. Letter of recommendation from *at least one* former student, either graduated or still in high school, stating how the nominee positively affected or influenced him or her, as well as describing the nominee's ability to teach effectively ****NOTE:** The letter(s) from former students, especially graduated, shall carry significant weight in the selection process.
 - c. **(OPTIONAL but encouraged)** A letter of recommendation from *at least one* student currently enrolled in one of the nominee's classes