

Nominations Open For 1996 Presidential Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nominations are being accepted from now through December 1st for kindergarten through twelfth grade science and mathematics teachers to be considered for 1996 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Elementary and secondary

teachers who have taught science or mathematics for five years or more in public or private schools are eligible.

Up to 216 Presidential Awards will be granted in 1996. An award is granted to one science and one mathematics teacher at both elementary and secondary levels from each

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particular area.

While many students may attend summer school to catch up, make up or improve their class performance, more students are using the summer period to get ahead of the game.

On the high school level, students can take courses in a shorter time span. For some, four weeks of intensive Italian or Shona beats having to sit through months of the course during the semester, quarter or year.

Some high school seniors wisely use the summer as a time to take a few first year college courses at the local community college, with the intention of applying those credits to a school they will be attending in the fall.

College students, likewise, are using summer sessions to establish advanced standing at their respective colleges. In fact,

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many colleges also have special graduation ceremonies at the end of the summer.

A little recognized advantage that often becomes pronounced later is the way prospective employers or graduate schools look at how a student utilizes his or her summer periods. Summer school represents activity and motivation in the opinion of some recruiters and also admission officers.

Finally, some students have correctly discovered that because of the short length of each summer session, it is still possible to also work and vacation during the remainder of the summer. The near bottom line for summer school 1995 remains the same; Stay in School, Summer School, that is.

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national Science Foundation (NSF) grant for their school, local and national recognition, and generous gifts from business and industry. Sponsored by the NSF, this is the nation's most prestigious award for a K-12 school science or mathematics teacher.

The 1996 Presidential Awardees will be selected from a pool of 648 state finalists. Each of the 12 state level finalists will receive the National Science Foundation State Award for Excellence in the Teaching of mathematics and Science and a

\$750 NSF grant.

A teacher may put forth his or her own name or may be nominated by a colleague, administrator, student or parent. Each nominee receives a packet with instructions for applying. The application must be postmarked by February 28, 1996. Address inquiries to:

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