

**Directions for a complete nomination packet**  
*This complete nomination packet is only required if asked for by the selection committee.*

A nomination for this award should consist only of the materials requested below, and should not include any other materials such as curricula vitae or other items. Please prepare all application materials on one side only of 8.5 x 11 inch paper, with a type size no smaller than 12 points (pica).

A complete application should contain the following items:

- **Nomination Form:** A completed nomination form is the first page of the application.

- **Narrative:** Please describe the nominee's extraordinary success in teaching by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, experience, teaching style, special contributions, other teaching awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's unusual achievement in teaching. Please limit this portion to no more than five double spaced pages.

- **Additional Documentation:** Please submit no more than three pages of evidence to document the nominee's extraordinary teaching success. This documentation will vary greatly from institution to institution but may include summaries of peer or student evaluations, comments on teaching, possible increases in numbers of undergraduate or graduate degrees given in mathematics (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), possible student successes in mathematics competitions (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), etc.

Nominators should bear in mind that the National Selection Committee might view a nomination more positively if it is accompanied not just by carefully chosen testimonials from a few selected students and faculty, though they are, of course, welcome, but also by some unfiltered input that is more representative of the whole spectrum of opinion among students and faculty about the nominee.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Please include no more than five letters of recommendation of no more than one page each, as follows.

- Two letters from the nominee's present or former students.

- Two letters from the nominee's colleagues (one of whom could be the department chair).

- One additional letter from anyone qualified to comment on the nominee's extraordinary teaching success.

**Note:** If the nomination packet significantly exceeds the prescribed limits above, it will not be eligible for consideration for a national award.

Six copies of the nomination packet must be submitted.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICA



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
NEVADA, AND HAWAII  
SECTION  
AWARDS  
for**

**DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE OR  
UNIVERSITY TEACHING OF  
MATHEMATICS**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Initial nominations for the nineteenth annual Section Awards (year 2010) are now being accepted. The Northern California, Nevada, and Hawaii Section Selection Committee will choose one of the nominees for the Section Award. The awardee will be honored at the Spring 2010 meeting of the Section with a certificate and a prize of \$250. That person may then also be the official Section candidate for the pool from which the recipients of the MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics will be selected (except that one of the national winners may be selected from another source). There will be at most three national awardees, each of whom will be honored at the national MAA meeting in January 2011, and will receive a certificate and a prize of \$1,000.

Anyone may submit a nomination; we urge you to enter eligible, qualified members of your department. Self-nomination is not permitted.

### ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must

- be teachers assigned at least half time during the academic year to teach a mathematical science in a public or private college or university in the United States or Canada. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) during the academic year in which they are nominated qualify if they fulfilled the requirements in the previous year.
- have at least five years teaching experience in a mathematical science.
- be members of the Mathematical Association of America.

### GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

The nominees should

- be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching ("teaching" in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching).
- have teaching effectiveness that can be documented.
- have had influence in their teaching beyond their own institution; e.g., impact on alumni, influence through curricular revision with national impact, innovative books on the teaching of college mathematics, etc.
- foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

Initial nominations must be submitted on the form provided, with nominator's statement, by

**November 16, 2009.**

### THE SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of the awardee is made in a two-stage process, to reduce the paper work related to making a nomination and thus increase the number of nominees. The Section Selection Committee will review the nominations submitted, and for those judged to be clearly competitive, the nominator will be asked to complete further formal documentation by Jan. 8, 2009 for final review. The additional documentation will be needed to help the Section Award Committee make its decision and to provide the formal format for consideration for a National Award.

1992	DON CHAKERIAN University of California, Davis
1993	PAUL HALMOS* Santa Clara University
1994	JANE DAY San Jose State University
1995	ED LANDESMAN* University of California, Santa Cruz
1996	G. THOMAS SALLEE University of California, Davis
1997	JEAN PEDERSEN Santa Clara University
1998	DONALD PFAFF University of Nevada, Reno
1999	LEONARD F. KLOSINSKI* Santa Clara University
2000	EVELYN SILVIA* University of California, Davis
2001	WADE ELLIS, JR. West Valley College
2002	PAUL ZEITZ* University of San Francisco
2003	PETER TANNENBAUM California State University, Fresno
2004	GERALD L. ALEXANDERSON* Santa Clara University
2005	RUSSELL MERRIS California State University, East Bay
2006	TATIAINA SHUBIN San Jose State University
2007	WILLIAM FISHER California State University, Chico
2008	JOHN THOO Yuba College
2009	Alan Rossman California Polytechnic

\*Also received National Award