



2011 NATIONAL MEDALS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONORS FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND INNOVATORS

NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

The National Medal of Science is the Nation's highest honor for American scientists and engineers. It is presented annually by the President of the United States.

The National Medal of Science is awarded to individuals deserving special recognition by reason of outstanding contributions to knowledge or the total impact of their work on the current state of the chemical, physical, biological, social or behavioral sciences; mathematics; or engineering.

Anyone can nominate for the National Medal of Science by submitting a short description of the nominee's contribution to the field and three letters of support at www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp.

Nominations are due by March 31, 2011.

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NATIONAL MEDAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the highest honor for technological achievement and innovation. It is presented annually by the President of the United States.

The Medal is awarded to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to the Nation's economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technological products, processes and concepts; technological innovation; and strengthening the Nation's technological workforce.

Anyone can nominate for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by submitting the nomination form and six letters of support at www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/guidelines.jsp.

Nominations are due by March 31, 2011.

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- a. Principal criterion: the total impact of an individual's work on the current state of chemical, physical, biological, social or behavioral sciences, mathematics, or engineering.
- b. Achievements of an unusually significant nature in relation to the potential effects on the development of scientific thought.
- c. Unusually distinguished service in the general advancement of science and engineering, especially when accompanied by substantial contributions to the content of science. Recognition by peers within the scientific community.
- d. Contributions to innovation and industry.
- e. Influence on education through publications, teaching activities, outreach, mentoring, etc.
- f. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has applied for citizenship.

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- b. Letters of reference may be submitted electronically through the [FastLane](#) website. Letters may also be sent by postal mail or as an [e-mail](#) attachment. Please be aware that letters received through FastLane will receive expedited processing. All letters of reference should be addressed to the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.
- c. Nominations remain active for a period of three years after submission and are re-considered by the committee in subsequent annual review cycles.
- d. Institutions may submit an unlimited number of nominations.

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