



NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE 2009 AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

The National Medal of Science, established by Congress in 1959, is the Nation's highest honor for American scientists and engineers presented annually by the President of the United States. It is with great pleasure that we open the call for nominations for the 2009 Medals.

The National Medal of Science is presented to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the biological, engineering, mathematical, physical or social and behavioral sciences.

Since its establishment, the Medal has been awarded to 441 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned decades of research and development. The laureates have made major impacts in fields of science and engineering through career-long, ground-breaking achievements in the disciplines for which the awards are given. The Medal also recognizes contributions to innovation, industry or education.

We encourage diverse, high quality nominations for the 2009 Medals. Eligibility criteria and the nomination guidelines are available at

www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp

Information on past recipients is also available at

www.nsf.gov/od/nms/recipients.cfm

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Candidates must be living U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have applied for citizenship within the past 12 months.

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Nominations will be accepted: From July 1, 2008, through December 5, 2008

For detailed nomination information, go to:

www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards