

2026 Daktronics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award

Daktronics, in conjunction with the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics, is pleased to sponsor the Daktronics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award in the state of South Dakota. The recipient of this award receives a plaque and a \$1000 cash award to support the award winner's efforts to teach mathematics with equipment or perhaps help to attend a conference or workshop. Middle school and high school teachers, who spend at least 50 percent of their schedule teaching mathematics, are eligible for this award. Awardees must still meet the 50 percent teaching of mathematics at the time of the award, in order to be eligible. Application information is available at <http://www.sdctm.org/>

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.) A maximum two page, 12 font resume, which includes the following (note resume items evaluated will be those marked with an *):
 - a) Personal information, including name, telephone numbers, email, addresses, etc.
 - b) Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
 - c) Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
 - d*) Beginning with the most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
 - e*) Beginning with the most recent, list staff development leadership activities or other professional activities.
- 2.) A maximum two page, 12 font, double spaced, personal essay that includes but is not limited to the following topics:
 - a.) Describe how you have inspired students in your mathematics class.
 - b.) Describe innovative teaching techniques involved in your classes
 - c.) Describe what types of technology are used in your class.
 - d.) Describe any professional development, as it pertains to mathematics, you have been involved in.
 - e.) Describe how you have helped students attend classes/workshops/contests/quiz bowls that pertain to mathematics or engineering or how you have helped students incorporate mathematics outside the classroom. (For example, MathCounts, math club, etc.)
- 3.) Provide 2 letters of recommendation one from an administrator or colleague, and one from a parent, student or former student. Recommendations must be dated and contain contact information for the writer. They are limited to one page, double spaced, one inch margins, and must be in 12 font. It is important that the information be as detailed as possible to adequately evaluate each application/nomination.

The completed resume and recommendations need to be included in one file in either a word or PDF file in the order they are outlined above and emailed to Dan Van Peurse at Dan.VanPeurse@usd.edu .

The packet must be received by **December 1, 2025**

The recipient for the 2026 Daktronics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award will be announced at the **2026 SD STEM Ed Conference in Huron SD** (hosted by SDCTM and SDSTA).

Completed applications will be kept on file for 3 years from the date of original submission. After 3 years, applicants must complete and submit a new application to be considered.