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SCCTM Conference 2023

The SCCTM 2023 Annual Conference at the Greenville Convention Center on November 16th and 17th will focus on exploring the joys of mathematics. The Mathematics Teaching Practices from NCTM are divided into themes:

Renew:

Establish mathematical goals to focus learning
Facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse

Explore the Joy of Mathematics:

Implement tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving
Use and connect mathematical representations
Elicit and use evidence of student thinking
Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding
Pose purposeful questions

Link to register to attend: <https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-5165082>

Thinking of presenting? Use the themes listed above to guide your proposal.

Click the link to submit a proposal: <https://forms.gle/>

SCCTM Grants

SCCTM Teacher Grant Application 2023.

The South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SCCTM) will provide grant funds of up to forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) in any given year (given appropriate budget funding) to support SCCTM members desiring to implement projects in mathematics-related areas. No individual grant will exceed \$1,500.00. Each grant applicant must agree to the following to receive the funds:

1. Be a member of SCCTM and be employed in South Carolina. Link to register to attend: <https://scctm.wildapricot.org/event-5165082> (Use the code shown below.)

2. Obtain approval and signature of your supervisor and, except for higher ed. applicants, SCCTM News March 8, 2023

3. Complete the online SCCTM Grant Application.

4. Conduct the project and submit results in an End-of-Project Report by June 30.

5. Agree to present the results of your project at the SCCTM Annual Conference, and/or write an article describing your project for The MathMate within one year of completion.

If any of the above criteria are not met, the applicant must repay the grant award to SCCTM.

Grant applications may be made for almost any mathematics-related purpose. Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to, such items as follows: developing training materials, purchasing equipment, paying for substitute teachers for release time, writing curriculum or lesson plans, paying for project-related printing or postage, providing training for appropriate personnel, and developing or producing a product. No more than 20% of the grant amount may be budgeted for unreimbursed expenses (registration, hotel, travel, meals, sub pay) to attend the SCCTM conference to conduct a session about your project.

Grant awards to SCCTM members will be based on the recommendation of the SCCTM Grants Committee and upon the availability of funds. The SCCTM Executive Board will annually determine the total amount of grant monies available for the year. Announcement of the grant recipients will be made on or near the date of June 15.

To apply, the online form must be completed by April 15.

[Teacher Grant Form](#)

Member Spotlight

Do you know an SCCTM Member that deserves the spotlight? Well here is your opportunity to turn the spotlight on them. Every educator in South Carolina deserves accolades. The Executive Board of SCCTM would like to highlight educators in our monthly emails and the MathMate Journal that have made an impact, big or small. This could be a project, activity, collaboration, good deed, etc. We want our members to know and benefit from all the

happenings across the state. Using the link below please provide a few details that can be included if selected to be a spotlight. [Spotlight Form](#)

This month the member spotlighted is Tenika T. Evans. Read about her here: <https://scctm.wildapricot.org/page-1860385>

Government Relations

The March government relations report can be found by following [this link](#).

The MathMate

The MathMate is seeking manuscripts, lesson ideas, or activities. Share your ideas with the MathMate editor, Leigh Martin, at mathmate@scctmconference.org Use the following link to find submission guidelines: [The MathMate](#)

SCCTM Volunteers

Can you help SCCTM? We are looking for educators who have the time, talent, and willingness to contribute in order to help our state math organization grow stronger and be better able to serve our membership. Please complete the questionnaire below in order to volunteer with SCCTM. At any time, you may contact the SCCTM Executive Director, Cindy Parker: director@scctmconference.org.

[Time and Talents Form](#)

Request for information from the President

SC TEACHER (South Carolina Teacher Education Advancement Consortium through Higher Education Research) is working to gather information from across our state to better understand factors that relate to educator support and retention. A SC Teacher Working Conditions Survey has been emailed to teachers.

We encourage the members of the South Carolina Teachers of Mathematics to complete the survey in order for South Carolina leaders to understand what matters most when it comes to supporting your work to serve our state's students. The TWC Survey will remain open until

March 24.

Reach out to info@sc-teacher.org if you have any questions about the TWC Survey or about how you can help support this work. You can learn more about the SC Teacher Working Conditions (TWC) Survey here: <https://sc-teacher.org/twc-survey/>.

Request for information from the NCTM Representative

South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics and Science is collecting data to learn if educators in South Carolina lead, plan and/or deliver STEM activities for K-12 students in an afterschool or out-of-school setting. Your individual response will not be shared externally, instead the data will be synthesized to see general trends in afterschool STEM activities that are led by South Carolina educators.

Your feedback is crucial in collecting data for possible compensation to STEM educators in the future. Thank you for your time and dedication to providing STEM experiences for our students in South Carolina.

For question #12 - put Dr. Marsha Neal

<https://forms.office.com/r/zZU1vkn7gB>

Submissions for the SCCTM News E-blast

The SCCTM sends out a monthly news blast. The format for submissions is a short (less than 250 words is suggested) description paragraph and links to any flyers or forms on the originating organization's website/storage. This format avoids us housing other organization's documents/flyers on our server's limited space. All submissions must also meet our mission as stated on our website.

Mission Statement:

"The South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics acts to support quality mathematics teaching by advocating at the state level for South Carolina educators and students; providing opportunities for leadership, professional development, and networking; and encouraging the creation of research-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment."

Requests from organizations outside SCCTM need to be in by the first of the month for inclusion in that month's e-blast, because they must be approved by our editorial committee.