



## 2026 Year of Math Executive Director

### Overview

**The 2026 Year of Math** is an initiative intended to reignite America's appreciation of math, engaging people to experience its beauty, relevance, and potential in new ways by targeting a broad, nationwide audience, with a focus on parents and students, particularly those in underserved communities. Under the theme of "Give Math Another Chance," we aim to invite people of all backgrounds to explore math without fear of judgment or failure. This year-long campaign will be structured around a series of immersive events, community engagement, and expert outreach, with the hope that its impact will serve as a catalyst for systemic improvement in mathematics education for years well beyond 2026.

**Monthly Themes and Cultural Moments:** Each month will focus on an accessible theme related to mathematics and statistics. For example, in March, Pi Day can bring national attention to the wonder of numbers, while the World Cup will provide a real-world platform to explore statistics and probability. These timely tentpole activities will create a rhythm to the year, keeping math in the public conversation.

**Engaging Events and Resources:** The Year of Math will sponsor activities such as community challenges, film festivals, public library and STEM museum events, and interactive art installations to engage people in mathematics both seen and unseen. Curated Best-in-Class digital resources, videos, and interactive apps will extend The Year of Math's reach, allowing people to explore activities at their own pace. These tools will be for all ages, from children first discovering the power and joy of math to adults rekindling their curiosity and seeing math for human flourishing.

**Community Empowerment through Local Events:** The Year of Math will partner with libraries, cinemas, community centers, museums, and schools to host events that make math engaging and relevant. Events like family math nights, public installations, and interactive exhibits will invite everyone to participate, and focus on shared learning experiences.

**A Focus on Underserved Communities:** Every aspect of The Year of Math will highlight math as a universal skill, celebrating *all* mathematical scientists and professionals, leaders from all walks of life and in all areas across the country, urban and rural. By showing that math is a human, we aim to inspire a new generation to pursue math-rich careers.



## High Level Job Description

The **Executive Director** will lead the strategic and operational planning for and management of the Year of Math 2026. The successful candidate will:

- Lead the strategic development and execution of a nationwide high-impact campaign, ensuring alignment with mathematical organizational goals.
- Oversee a fundraising campaign engaging philanthropy, non-profits, government, and industry.
- Collaborate closely with mathematical experts and program managers to develop forward-thinking strategic plans that support campaign objectives.
- Manage implementation of a number of activities, collaborating with the professional organizations belonging to the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences to execute the Year.
- Build a team to work on the promotion and execution of the Year of Math with the Year of Math's communications/marketing partner.

The Executive Director will report to the Year of Math Leadership Task Force, and work with this group and other advisory bodies that will help guide and support the campaign and activities.

### **Ongoing Responsibilities** *include but are not limited to:*

- Overseeing daily operations of the organization, providing executive direction for program strategies and efficiencies, compliance, and quality assurance.
- Serving as the face of the organization, participate in external events to increase visibility, credibility, and market brand, and develop strategic partnerships to increase community awareness and expand programs.
- Leading ongoing initiatives before/during Year of Math:
  - Identifying & creating a database for and leading outreach efforts to a large and diverse cohort of Math Makers.
  - Overseeing the development of messaging, materials/resources, places/organizations, activities.
  - Overseeing allocation of resources, badges of participation, awards, etc.
- Leading the fundraising effort with the fundraising team and stewarding funder commitments.
- Leading strategy for identifying & curating Year of Math resources & content.
- Managing Year of Math calendar and digital presence.
- Acting as core liaison among key partners, CBMS organizations, funders.
- Identifying, hiring and managing Year of Math 2025-2026 support staff.



## Qualifications

- Minimum bachelor's degree with 10+ years leadership experience in campaign and program management.
- Proven track record of strategy development and execution with experience leading large-scale campaigns, program management, or strategic programs, preferably at the state or national level.
- Strong experience collaborating with academia and industry to develop and implement strategic campaign plans that deliver measurable outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate among educational and programmatic partners and drive alignment with diverse stakeholders.
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills, with experience engaging with senior executives, policymakers, and external partners.
- Exceptional experience in nonprofit or political fundraising is highly desirable.

### Desirable qualifications and skills

- Proven success working with a board.
- Entrepreneurial mindset, with innovative approach to planning.
- Self-starter and organizational motivator.
- Dynamic and charismatic team player who enjoys being the public face of an organization.
- Interest in mathematics, statistics, and education.

## Compensation and work environment

*Salary:* \$130-160,000/year.

*Work Environment:* Remote work with in-person meetings and engagements throughout.

*Time Frame:* March 2025 - December 2026.

**Send applications or nominations to [2026yofm@gmail.com](mailto:2026yofm@gmail.com). Applicants should submit a CV and cover letter.**

*The Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (CBMS), incorporated in 1960, is an umbrella organization consisting of the twenty most prominent mathematical sciences professional organizations in the United States, all of which have as one of their primary objectives the increase or diffusion of knowledge in one or more of the mathematical sciences. Its purpose is to promote understanding and cooperation among these national organizations so that they work together and support each other in their efforts to promote research, improve education, and expand the uses of mathematics.*