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# New England League of Middle Schools Promising Practitioner Award 2008–2009

**PURPOSE:** NELMS seeks to honor teachers beginning their teaching career, who have one to three years of teaching experience.

**CRITERIA:**

- \* Enjoys teaching middle level students
- \* Makes a positive difference in the school
- \* Seeks professional development and implements ideas
- \* Fosters community connections
- \* Meets the needs of individual students, using effective middle level practices such as:
  - \* Incorporating activity-based learning
  - \* Developing a sense of student ownership in their learning
  - \* Integrating higher order thinking
  - \* Fostering curriculum connections using a variety of assessment tools

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The Nominator must collect the following, and send all materials in one packet to: NELMS, 460 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983.

**The packet must be received by 4:30pm on October 3, 2008.**

- \* The **nominator**, who must be from the same school, must address in writing how the **nominee** meets the five (5) criteria stated above, in 1,250 words or less, (250 words per criteria).
- \* The **nominator** must collect one letter of support, of not more than five hundred (500) words, from each of the following:
  - \* A parent or community member associated with the **nominee's** current school
  - \* A former or current student from the **nominee's** current school
  - \* A professional colleague from the **nominee's** current school
- \* The **nominee** must write about a rewarding teaching experience in 500 words or less, that is typed and double-spaced.

**RECOGNITION:** Those who receive an award will be recognized at the NELMS Annual Conference, receive a one-day registration to the Annual Conference, will be given a one-year individual membership, and will be recognized in Mid Lines, the NELMS newspaper. Winners will receive their choice of \$200, or up to \$300 worth of additional NELMS services.

Person Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (school) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_