

MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS PROGRAM

2010 Selection Criteria

All decisions concerning selection have a certain subjective element; however, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools urge schools to follow the recommended criteria described below. Procedures used at the school must be fair, non-discriminatory, and consistently applied.

It is suggested that two students, one male and one female, be selected from the eighth grade (unless the school has all female or all male students). Seventh grade is appropriate if that is the highest grade in your school.

The following criteria are suggested:

- Demonstrates academic achievement.
- Provides service to classmates and school.
- Is a positive role model for peers.
- Demonstrates integrity, honesty, self-discipline, and courage.

These additional indicators may be of assistance:

- ✓ Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- ✓ Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- ✓ Shows leadership in group situations
- ✓ Shows respect for self and others
- ✓ Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others
- ✓ Demonstrates academic initiative and is willing to uphold scholarship
- ✓ Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and school activities
- ✓ Is dependable and well-organized in any responsibility undertaken
- ✓ Volunteers and is gladly available and willing to sacrifice to offer assistance to others
- ✓ Accepts criticism willingly and recommendations graciously
- ✓ Exemplifies desirable qualities of character and integrity