



**Purpose:**

NELMS seeks to honor identify **educators** who have developed and/or implemented creative and effective instructional/curricula strategies consistent with middle level education.

**Criteria:**

- Has high expectations for all students
- Demonstrates active learning by students and connects to community
- Actively involves students in decision-making with choices of activities and assessments
- Celebrates diversity
- Incorporates middle level best practices throughout instruction and assessment

**Application Process:**

The nominator must collect the following and submit all materials electronically to [nelms@nelms.org](mailto:nelms@nelms.org) by **February 1**.

- A copy of the unit with student work/products samples
- One or two page summary of the unit explaining in 500 words or less how this unit meets the criteria using specific examples

**Recognition:**

Those who receive an award will be recognized at the NELMS Annual Conference and in *MidLines*, receive a two-day registration to our Annual Conference, and be featured on the web site.

The recipient will also be invited to present the award to next year’s award winner at the Annual Conference Welcome & Recognitions Reception.

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

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Nominator’s Email \_\_\_\_\_

Principal’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon submission of this application, the school principal will be contacted by NELMS.**