Promising Practitioner Award

Purpose:
NELMS seeks to honor **teachers** beginning their teaching career, who have one to three years of teaching experience at the middle level.

Criteria:

- Passionate about middle level education
- 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 submit all materials electronically to nelms@nelms.org by **February 1**.

- The **nominator** must address in writing how the **nominee** meets the criteria stated above in 500 words or less.

Recognition:
Those who receive an award will be honored at the NELMS Annual Conference during our Awards Reception, recognized in *MidLines*, receive $100 off the two-day registration to the conference, and be featured on the website.

Person Nominated _____

School Name _____

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.