



# 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](mailto: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 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 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.**