



Here is your invitation to nominate an outstanding
high school teacher as

CAS High School Exemplary Educator

for

2012-2013

Purpose

Every high school in Connecticut has a number of outstanding educators. The purpose of this award is to give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to a CAS member high school educator. The CAS High School Board of Control is sponsoring this recognition.

Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or district central office personnel.

The educator chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in his/her community.

Eligibility

The following criteria will be used to determine the recipient of this award.

1. Candidate must be a practicing educator at a CAS member high school who exhibits the following:
 - a. Demonstrates excellence in education;
 - b. Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the classroom;
 - c. Demonstrates leadership within the profession.
2. The candidate should be in at least his/her fifth year as a practicing high school educator in Connecticut and in at least the third year in his/her present position.
3. Each of the three areas on the accompanying nomination document must be addressed individually. The total response is limited to six pages (exclusive of Nomination Title Sheet).
4. Nominations must be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation, by any persons who are qualified to judge the professional performance of the candidate. Either the nomination or one of the three letters of recommendation must be from the building principal. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.**
5. Finalists will be asked to write a one to two page reflective essay about his/her beliefs, motivations and/or experiences.
6. The successful candidate will also be invited to share his/her expertise through CAS sponsored workshops and publications. The sponsoring school district may be asked to release the "Exemplary Educator of the Year" for one or two school days for in-service and/or celebration activities.
7. Nominations must be postmarked or delivered to CAS **no later than February 29, 2012.**
8. Nominations should be sent to:

Regina Birdsell
Assistant Executive Director
Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

Timeline: Applications will be reviewed in March and finalists will be interviewed in May 2012.

CAS High School Exemplary Educator of the Year Nomination Title Sheet

I nominate the following educator to be the Connecticut Exemplary High School Educator of the Year:

Name _____ Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Years in Present Position _____ Total Years in Profession _____

Attach three (3) TYPED letters of recommendation, (limit 2 pages each) by persons other than the nominator who are qualified to judge the nominee's professional performance. One must be from the building principal if she/he is not the nominator.

Typed Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Telephone Number/Date Submitted

Application must be postmarked by or delivered to CAS **no later than February 29, 2012.**

Send completed nomination to:

**Regina Birdsell
Assistant Executive Director
Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410**

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR NOMINATION

1. Demonstrates excellence in education (i.e., How is the curriculum diversified to challenge all levels of ability within classroom?; How is student learner assessed using multiple strategies?; How are the needs of the student effectively met?; How are a variety of instructional techniques utilized in the classroom?)
2. Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the classroom
3. Demonstrates leadership within the profession (i.e., Show what contributions and successes the educator has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements.)

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Letter of Recommendation Title Sheet

Name of Nominee _____

School _____ Town _____

This recommendation must address specifically the below-listed criteria in sequence. General statements will not suffice. Please limit response to two pages (exclusive of this title page).

CRITERIA

The candidate:

- A. Demonstrates excellence in education (i.e. How is the curriculum diversified to challenge all levels of ability within classroom?; How is student learner assessed using multiple strategies?; How are the needs of the student effectively met?; How are a variety of instructional techniques utilized in the classroom?)
- B. Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the Classroom
- C. Demonstrates leadership within the profession (i.e., Show what contributions and successes the educator has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements.)

Date: _____

Signature of Recommender

Position

Address

(_____) - _____
Telephone

City, State, Zip