

MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR-LEADER AWARDS BANQUET

2003 SELECTION CRITERIA

All decisions concerning selection have a certain subjective element, but problems can be avoided if the school has developed and followed some objective criteria. CAS urges schools to follow the recommended procedure described below. Whatever procedure is followed, however, must be fair, non-discriminatory and consistently applied.

1. The academic requirement set by CAS is based on a student's cumulative scholastic average. The minimum scholastic average allowable is 85%, or B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence for that school. The school may, in addition, specify a prerequisite number of academic courses, or weight grades in recognition of the varying degrees of difficulty of courses of study.

Schools with innovative grading practices (individualized, non-graded, or pass/fail) have the responsibility of creating a comparable standard by which to identify those students who meet the scholarship requirement.

2. In evaluation leadership in potential honorees, although a school may wish to define leadership in terms of the number of offices a student has held in school or community organizations, it is important to recognize that leadership also exists apart from elected positions.

The following guidelines will give further help in the definition of leadership.

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles and making suggestions.
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative and is willing to uphold scholarship.
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in the school activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility undertaken.
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Accepts criticism willingly and recommendations graciously.
- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality, character and integrity.