



## Here is your Invitation to Nominate an Outstanding Educator as **CAS Elementary Exemplary Educator for 2012-2013**

### **Purpose**

1. Every 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 elementary educator**, one who represents them.
2. Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or district central office personnel.
3. The educator chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications, and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in her/his community.

### **Eligibility**

CAS recognizes that outstanding educators create a classroom and school environment appropriate to the needs of the student. The following criteria will be used to determine the recipient of this award. Please note, however, that past recipients are not eligible.

1. Candidate must be a practicing educator of a **CAS member elementary school** who exhibits the following:
  - Demonstrates excellence in education;
  - Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the classroom;
  - Demonstrates leadership within the profession.
2. Candidate should be in at least her/his fifth year as a practicing elementary school educator in Connecticut and in at least the third year in her/his 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 her/his beliefs, motivations and/or experiences as an educator.
6. The successful candidate will also be invited to share her/his expertise through CAS sponsored workshops and/or programs, or writing for a CAS publication.
7. Nominations must be postmarked or delivered to CAS **no later than March 15, 2012**.
8. Nominations should be sent to: Regina S. Birdsell, Assistant Executive Director, The Connecticut Association of Schools, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

### **Timeline**

Applications will be reviewed in March, 2012, and finalists will be interviewed later in the spring of 2012.

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**Form ELEE 2012-2013**

Date Received

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Criteria Addressed

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## CAS Elementary Exemplary Educator for 2012-2013 Nomination Form

I nominate the following person to be the CAS Elementary Exemplary Educator

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years in Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Have you confirmed the nominee's school membership in CAS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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.

### 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).

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

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Signature of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Application must be postmarked by or delivered to CAS by **March 15, 2012**.

Send completed nomination form to: Regina Birdsell, Assistant Executive Director, The Connecticut Association of Schools, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

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**Form ELEE 2012-2013**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Form \_\_\_\_\_

3 Letters of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_



## CAS Elementary Exemplary Educator for 2012-2013

### 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:

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Signature of Nominator

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