



Here is your Invitation to Nominate an Outstanding Educator as CAS Exemplary Educator for 2014-2015

Purpose

1. Every school in Connecticut has a number of outstanding educators. The purpose of this award is to give public recognition in Connecticut to a **CAS educator**.
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 the CAS Recognition of Excellence Celebration in November, 2014.

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 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 school educator in Connecticut and in at least the third year in her/his present position.
3. The nominator must submit the nomination addressing each of the three areas 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 February 28, 2014**.
8. Nominations should be sent to: Regina S. Birdsell, Assistant Executive Director, The Connecticut Association of Schools, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410
9. Only one nomination will be accepted per school.

Timeline : Applications will be reviewed in March, 2014, and finalists will be interviewed in late spring of 2014.

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Form EE 2014-2015

Date Received _____

Criteria Addressed _____

CAS Member School _____ Yes _____ No



CAS Exemplary Educator for 2014-2015 Nomination Form

I nominate the following person to be the CAS Exemplary Educator

Level: **Elementary** _____ **Middle Level** _____ **High School** _____

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 Principal/Supervisor

Signature of Principal/Supervisor

Telephone

E-Mail of Principal/Supervisor

Typed Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Date Submitted

Telephone

E-Mail of Nominator

Address

Application must be postmarked by or delivered to CAS by **February 28, 2014**. 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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Date Received _____

Nomination Form _____

3 Letters of Recommendation _____

CAS Member School _____ Yes _____ No



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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:

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Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Date Submitted

Telephone

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