NOTE: This is the 2000-2001 nomination form (the most recent available). In addition to the deadlines, there may be other minor changes in the 2001-2002 application.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Exemplary Principal Program Award for Special Education

Research has shown that effective program implementation is dependent on the leadership of the building principal. It is the intention of this award to publicize the role played by the principal and the leadership skills of Connecticut principals. CAESP desires to recognize Connecticut elementary principals who have implemented exemplary and innovative ideas, plans, or programs, which have improved the education of Connecticut's children. This award will focus on principal effectiveness in special educational leadership.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

A superintendent, fellow administrator or member of the principal's staff may make nominations for the award

The nominator should submit an application form and any other information that will validate the principal's leadership in special education and/or accomplishments.

Recipient must be an on-line elementary school principal.

All members are eligible to participate with the exception of members of the selection committee.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The principal will show evidence of leadership by initiating, supporting, or expanding a program of inclusive education or other special education initiatives for children with special needs.

The nominee will, through his/her leadership, provide in-service for the staff and monitor the implementation of the program.

The nominee will demonstrate his/her advocacy for children of various academic needs through the implementation of this program.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION

The CAESP Chair will appoint a selection committee with a chairperson and at least two other principals.

The committee will meet to review and evaluate nomination materials and select a winner.

An assessment sheet with criteria and performance indicators are used throughout the process.

Finalists may be interviewed using questions and a rating sheet developed by the committee.

If the committee does not locate a suitable candidate, it should not submit a nominee for that year.

All nominees will be notified in writing of the results.

The selection committee chairperson will present the award at the Annual Spring Conference.

The committee's report will be made at a March/April CAESP Board Meeting