

March 2002

Dear Middle Level Principal:

The Connecticut Association of Schools takes great pleasure in announcing that the Eighteenth Annual Connecticut **Middle Level Scholar-Leader Banquet** will be held on Monday, June 3, 2002, at the Aqua Turf Club, Southington, at 6:00 p.m.

This program is intended to give public recognition to one boy and one girl from each middle level school in Connecticut, who have distinguished themselves in scholarship and leadership in school and the community. (*Selection criteria attached.*)

The two Scholar-Leaders, their parents and school officials, up to a total of ten, are invited to attend this statewide Awards Banquet. Commissioner of Education Dr. Theodore Sergi and other dignitaries will also be invited. Each Scholar-Leader will receive an award signifying the honor as well as an individual photograph commemorating the event.

Scholar-Leaders from CAS member schools will attend the banquet as guests of the Connecticut Association of Schools. Tickets for parents and school officials planning to attend must be purchased in advance at a cost of \$33 per person. Schools that are not CAS middle level members may also take part in this program for a participation fee of \$100 in addition to a charge of \$40 per scholar-leader (to cover the cost of dinner, awards and pictures) and \$33 per guest.

Coordinating a major event for over 1,400 people requires a great deal of advance planning; therefore it will not be possible to make tickets available at the door or to admit anyone who has not been previously registered by the principal. Confirmation and tickets will be mailed by the end of May.

Schools will be seated in the order that their applications are received. An early response will not only determine your schools' seating location but will be of help to us in our advance planning. Please fill out the accompanying documents and return them to CAS no later than May 9, 2002. We look forward to receiving your nominations and reservations, and to seeing you at the Banquet, which has become the premiere event of the middle level school year.

Sincerely,

Richard Huelsmann, Chair
Connecticut Association of Middle School Principals

MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR-LEADER AWARDS BANQUET

2002 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.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOLAR-LEADER AWARDS BANQUET
2002 AWARD NOMINATIONS

I _____ Principal of _____ School,
Address _____, Town _____ Zip _____

Nominate one boy and one girl, listed below, to receive the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar-Leader Award for 2002. I certify by my signature that each has met all of the stipulated scholastic, leadership and personal criteria. This nomination form and reservation request must be postmarked **no later than Thursday, May 9, 2002**. Nominations made after that date cannot be accepted.

Signature of Principal

RESERVATION REQUEST
Aqua Turf Club, Southington, CT
Monday, June 3, 2002 - 6:00 p.m.

Fees:

Scholar-leaders from CAS member schools	\$ N/C	Scholar-leaders from non-member schools	\$ 40.00/pp
Guests from CAS member schools	\$ 33.00/pp	Guests from non-member schools	\$ 33.00/pp
Board members and spouses	\$ 33.00/pp	Non-member school participation fee	\$100.00

Please note:

- Attendance is restricted to scholar-leaders, their families, school administration and faculty.
- A table of up to ten (10) only will be reserved for each school.
- Confirmation and tickets will be sent to the Principal at the end of May.
- Please type using formal names, not nicknames (i.e. Lawrence not Larry), as they should appear on the program and plaque.

SCHOLAR LEADER	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MEAL CHOICE			AMOUNT
			PRIME RIB	CHICKEN	VEG.	
Female						
Male						

GUESTS	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MEAL CHOICE			AMOUNT
			PRIME RIB	CHICKEN	VEG.	
1. @ \$33.00						
2. @ \$33.00						
3. @ \$33.00						
4. @ \$33.00						
5. @ \$33.00						
6. @ \$33.00						
7. @ \$33.00						
8. @ \$33.00						
TOTAL MEALS						
NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION FEE OF \$100.00 (IF APPLICABLE)						
TOTAL DUE						\$

- Full payment enclosed (Check payable to CAS)
 PO # _____ enclosed

Please mail by **May 9, 2002** to:

Scholar-Leader Banquet
Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410
203-250-1111

FOR CAS USE ONLY:	
TABLE # _____	# PERSONS _____
SCHOOL: _____	
TOWN: _____	