

PLEASE POST

TO: ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF MIDDLE LEVEL MEMBER SCHOOLS
OF THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

AN INVITATION TO NOMINATE A MIDDLE LEVEL TEACHER AS OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2001-2002

PURPOSE

To give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to an outstanding **CAS member middle level school teacher** who represents the best in the profession. The person selected will not necessarily be “the best” in the state, but rather a person who deserves major recognition as an example of outstanding teaching that the state has to offer.

The teacher chosen will be honored in Connecticut by CAS.

ELIGIBILITY

CAS recognizes that outstanding middle level teachers create a classroom and school environment appropriate to the needs of the early adolescent. 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 teacher of a **CAS member middle school** who exhibits the following:
 - a. Demonstrates excellence in teaching
 - b. Demonstrates involvement with students, staff, and parents in and out of the classroom
 - c. Demonstrates leadership within the profession
2. The candidate should be in at least her/his fifth year as a practicing middle school teacher in Connecticut and in at least the third year in his/her present position.
3. Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or district central office personnel.
4. Nominations must be made on the forms provided. If this form is not used, please limit your application to 6 pages following the sequence listed herein.
5. Nominations must be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation, submitted on the forms provided, 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.
6. **The successful candidate will be expected to share her/his expertise through CAS sponsored workshops. Furthermore, the sponsoring school district must agree to release the” Teacher of the Year” for up to 3 school days for in-service and/or celebration activities.**
 8. Deadline for submission of nominations is March 8, 2002.
 8. Nominations should be sent to:

Mr. Earle G. Bidwell
Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

MIDDLE LEVEL TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2001-2002
NOMINATION FORM

I nominate the following person to be the Connecticut Middle Level School Teacher of the Year 2001-02:

Name _____ Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Years in Present Position _____ Total Years in Profession _____

Attach three (3) TYPED letters of recommendation, using forms provided by persons other than the nominator who are qualified to judge the nominee's professional performance. One must be from the building principal.

Typed Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Telephone Number/Date Submitted

Deadline for submission: March 8, 2002

Send completed nomination to:

Mr. Earle G. Bidwell, Assistant Executive Director
CAS, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR NOMINATION

1. Demonstrates Excellence in Teaching (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 teacher has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements)

CAS MIDDLE LEVEL OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2001-2002

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Nominee _____

School _____ Town _____

This recommendation must address specifically the below-listed criteria in sequence. General statements will not suffice. Use other side or additional sheets if necessary. Please limit response to two pages.

CRITERIA

The candidate:

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- C. Demonstrates Leadership Within the Profession (i.e. Show what contributions and successes the teacher has provided to the team, school, and community through past and present involvements)

Date: _____

Signature of Recommender

Position

Address Telephone
