



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: High School and Middle School Principals, Staff Members and Students

FROM: Dianna R. Wentzell, Interim Commissioner of Education *Dianna R. Wentzell*

DATE: January 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program

This letter is our annual request for project submissions in the statewide Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program. These awards, which began in 1995-96, are the brainchild of the State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE).

Any student-organized activity that represents a “good deed” is eligible for submission. Projects that demonstrate good citizenship, a commitment to others, civic awareness, leadership, responsibility and teamwork, and that provide opportunities for students to help others; will be judged in depth, breadth and quality of impact on others and the participating students. Projects submitted in the past have met the special needs of the homeless and the elderly; established peer mediation and student tutoring; and assisted other community organizations. The key is service to the school, community or those in need.

Schools may submit more than one project. Please complete a separate form (master copy attached) for each project. Every project submitted will receive a certificate of recognition and the members of SSACE will select 10 to 20 winners of the statewide awards. All submissions will be published in a book and distributed statewide to allow for replication of successful projects.

Awards will be presented in late May or early June. While we have averaged more than 100 submissions per year, we hope this year every middle and high school in Connecticut will submit at least one project. Thank you.

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Attachment  
cc: Superintendents of Schools

CONNECTICUT STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION  
Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Interim Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell  
“Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award”  
**Project Nomination Form**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

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Student Spokesperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Awards will be presented in May/June. Please return this form by April 17, 2015.***

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