



Here is your invitation to nominate an outstanding
middle level educators as

CAS Middle Level Teacher of the Year

for
2006-2007

Purpose

Every middle level school in Connecticut has a number of outstanding teachers. The purpose of this award is to give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to a **CAS member middle level teacher** one who represents them.

Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or district central office personnel.

The teacher chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in her/his community.

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. Each of the three areas on the accompanying nomination document must be addressed 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 his/her beliefs, motivations and/or experiences as a middle level teacher.
6. The successful candidate will also be invited to share her/his expertise through CAS sponsored workshops and/or "Impact," *The Journal for Middle Level Educators*. Sponsoring school district will be asked to release the "Teacher of the Year" for one or two school days for in-service and/or celebration activities.
7. Nominations must be postmarked or delivered to CAS **no later than February 28, 2006**.
8. Nominations should be sent to:

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

Timeline Applications will be reviewed in March and finalists will be interviewed in May 2006

Middle Level Teacher of the Year Nomination Title Sheet

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

Name _____ Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Years in Present Position _____ Total Years in Profession _____

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.

Typed Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Telephone Number/Date Submitted

Application must be postmarked by or delivered to CAS by February 28, 2006
Send completed nomination to:

Mr. Earle G. Bidwell
Assistant Executive Director
Connecticut Association of Schools
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).

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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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- B. Demonstrates Involvement with Students, Staff, and Parents in and out of the Classroom
- 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
