

National and State Schools of Character A Path to Excellence



State Schools of Character Awards Ceremony



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Has your school or district developed an outstanding character education initiative?

Have you...

- Created a caring culture among students, staff, and parents?
- Integrated core ethical and performance values into your curriculum and extracurricular activities?
- Provided opportunities for students to initiate and reflect on their service to others?
- Involved parents and community members in your initiative?
- Used data to show that you are making a difference?

If your answers to the questions above are “yes,” the Character Education Partnership (CEP) wants to recognize your outstanding work in character education. Schools and districts that can demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of CEP’s *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education* should apply to receive a National School or District of Character award.

National Schools of Character (NSOC) award winners hold their designation for five years. During that time they agree to serve as models and mentors for others. CEP awards them a small grant to help with outreach. They receive their award and share their best practices at the annual National Forum on Character Education. In addition, CEP showcases their work in its annual NSOC publication and on its website.

State sponsors in 30 states give **State Schools of Character (SSOC)** awards to recognize excellence in character education on the state level and help applicants progress to the national-level award. State sponsors are available to offer technical assistance or guide the applicant to helpful resources. If you are from a non-participating state, you apply directly to CEP. See list of participating states at www.character.org/ssocparticipatingstates.

See www.character.org/nsoc for application guidelines. The application deadline is DECEMBER 1, 2010.

“The goal of the NSOC and SSOC awards program is to inspire all schools and districts to pursue a path to excellence in character education.” ~Joe Mazzola, CEP Executive Director



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