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## CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK ALERT #3 October 2008

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### **State and National Schools of Character Awards Program** (Application deadline is December 8, 2008)

*The Center for Social and Character Education at Rutgers University* invites New Jersey schools and districts with outstanding character education initiatives to participate in the 2009 New Jersey Schools of Character awards program. New Jersey Schools of Character (NJSOC) serve as models for other educators in New Jersey. In addition, NJSOC winners advance to the Character Education Partnership's (CEP) National Schools of Character (NSOC) competition, where winners receive up to \$10,000 to share their exemplary work with other educators.

The NJSOC application process is the same as CEP's NSOC awards program. Learn more about applying for the SSOC/NSOC awards and download an application at the CSCD website: <http://www.rucharacter.org/>.

Visit CEP's website [www.character.org/](http://www.character.org/) to download other important documents ([Eleven Principles](#), [Quality Standards](#)) and more **Helpful Information**:

[Application Tips from Evaluators](#)

[Application Process Power Point Presentation](#)

[Sample Applications](#)

## **Benefits of Applying for a New Jersey State Schools of Character Award**

### The process...

1. Helps you improve upon your school's existing efforts and be more intentional in how you develop character and the social/emotional well being of your students.
2. Provides an opportunity to receive free outside feedback using a proven framework (Character Education Partnership's Eleven Principles) from experienced, trained evaluators.
3. Helps to enhance your school culture and make it an even better place for staff to work and for students to learn.
4. Provides recognition locally and nationally for your school as a learning community interested in developing the whole child.
5. Improves teacher retention and is an excellent way to attract more parents and students to your school.
6. The self-study aspects of using a character education rubric provide a way for your staff and school to become more reflective in your practice as you measure the success of your character education efforts.

### For more information, contact:

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## **Previous State and National Schools of Character** **National Schools of Character**

### New Jersey Winners and Finalists

**2008**      **Winner:**    **Rosa International Middle School**, Cherry Hill, NJ  
**Finalists:**    **Brigantine Elementary School**, Brigantine, NJ  
                          **Hamilton Township School District**, Hamilton, NJ  
                          **Lore Elementary School**, Ewing, NJ



**Zane North School, Collingswood, NJ**

**Honorable Mentions**

**2008 Honorable Mentions**

**Avenel Street School, Avenel, NJ**  
**Franklin Avenue Middle School, Franklin Lakes, NJ**  
**Ho-Ho-Kus Public School, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ**  
**Holly Glen Elementary School, Williamstown, NJ**  
**Lake Riviera Middle School, Brick, NJ**  
**Lawrence Intermediate School, Lawrenceville, NJ**  
**Liberty Corner School, Liberty Corner, NJ**  
**Robert R. Lazar Middle School, Montville, NJ**  
**Sayreville Middle School, Parlin, NJ**  
**St. Philip's Academy, Newark, NJ**  
**TEAM Academy Charter School, Newark, NJ**

**2007 Honorable Mentions**

**Brigantine Elementary School, Brigantine, NJ**  
**Holly Glen Elementary School, Williamstown, NJ**  
**Woodcrest Elementary School, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**2006 Honorable Mentions**

**Colonia High School, Colonia, NJ**  
**Hamilton Township Public Schools, Hamilton, NJ**  
**Chester M. Stephens Elementary, Budd Lake, NJ**  
**Matthew Jago School #28 Sewaren, NJ**  
**Robert R. Lazar Middle School Montville, NJ**  
**Sterling High School, Somerdale, NJ**  
**Liberty Corner School, Liberty Corner, NJ**  
**Sayreville Public Schools, Sayreville, NJ**

**Emerging Schools**

**2008 Emerging Schools**

**Bartle Elementary School, Highland Park, NJ**  
**Pennsauken Campus of Camden County, Pennsauken, NJ**  
**Upper Freehold Regional School District, Allentown, NJ**

**2007 Emerging Schools**

**Delsea Regional School District, Franklinville, NJ**  
**Emerson High School, Union City, NJ**  
**Franklin Township School, Washington, NJ**  
**Greenwich Elementary School, Stewartsville, NJ**  
**Howell Township Public School District, Howell, NJ**  
**Marlboro Memorial Middle School, Morganville, NJ**  
**Monongahela Middle School, Sewell, NJ**

**2006 Emerging Schools**

**Delsea Regional School District, Franklinville, NJ**  
**Creative Arts High School, Camden, NJ**