

**MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MIDDLE LEVEL DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*MMSA will recognize and honor outstanding middle level educators
from all over the state of Missouri.*

*Nominees will be announced, along with the winner, at the Success in the Critical Middle Grades Workshop on
February 8 & 9 in the St. Louis Region.*

You are encouraged to nominate someone for the MMSA Middle Level Educator of the Year Award to be presented during the conference. Nominees should exemplify the beliefs of middle school philosophy. They should be child-centered, nurturing and compassionate, willing to explore and experiment, willing to take risks, and collaborative in their day-to-day activities. They should be a positive role model for other middle level educators. **In order to be eligible for the award, nominees must be located in a school that has an institutional membership in MMSA or must be an individual member of MMSA.** To make a nomination, please complete the application below and respond to the four questions. Limit your responses to **two** typed pages. **Return the completed application to MMSA no later than December 15, 2015.** All entries will be reviewed by the MMSA Conference Committee and the winner will be announced at the workshop on February 8.

In a separate document, please answer the following four questions regarding your nominee's qualifications to be considered for this award. Each narrative/response limited to a maximum of 500 words.

- A. Why does this nominee exemplify the characteristics of a distinguished educator?
- B. How has this nominee demonstrated service to middle level education through advocacy?
- C. How has this nominee demonstrated service to middle level education through leadership?
- D. How has this nominee demonstrated service to middle level education through vision?

MIDDLE LEVEL DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION		
Date _____	MMSA Region _____	
Educator of the Year Nominee _____		
School Name _____		
Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Supervisor/Principal _____		Phone _____
District Name _____		
Superintendent _____	Superintendent Phone _____	
Nominator's Name _____		Nominator's School _____
Nominator's Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Nominator's Principal _____		
Signature of Person Making Nomination _____		

Mail Completed Application and Responses to:
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