



February 2017

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators (COMMLE) and the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS)
announce the

18th Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center
Marlborough, MA at 6:00 PM**

PURPOSE – This program is intended to give public recognition to two 5th-8th grade students in Massachusetts who have distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding scholarship and leadership. *The selection of these two students is the responsibility of each school. (See selection criteria on reverse)*

This typically includes qualities such as:

- Teamwork
- Positive Interactions with others
- Respect
- Dependability
- Productivity
- Service to others
- Personal Goals
- Respect for diversity

AWARDS BANQUET – The 2 students selected, school representatives, and others, are invited to attend the statewide Awards Banquet at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. The Commissioner of Education along with other dignitaries will be invited to attend. Each student will receive a personalized plaque signifying the honor of being chosen as a Scholar Leader and each recipient will be photographed as they receive their award. Photographs are mailed to the winners after the banquet.

COST TO MEMBER SCHOOLS – Cost of the event for the students being honored as scholar leaders will be provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools. A table of 10 can be purchased for \$399.00. At times schools have asked local businesses or civic organizations, parent organizations school activity funds, or the parents themselves to help fund this event.

Please note that tickets will not be available at the door

COST TO NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS – Schools that are not members of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators/New England League of Middle Schools may also participate in this program, but must pay the expenses associated with the event. Tables can be purchased as stated above, plus an additional \$40 for each scholar leader. If you are interested in a NELMS/COMMLE membership, please contact: Karin Wilmarth at (978) 557-9311 or kwilmarth@nelms.org

RESERVATIONS – NELMS **MUST** receive your completed reservation by **April 28, 2017**. This is a wonderful event with limited space so we encourage you to make your reservations right away. **All schools will be assigned tables on a first-come first-served basis.** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools look forward to receiving your reservation. *Please call Karin Wilmarth at the NELMS office at (978) 557-9311 if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,
Scholar Leader Planning Committee
Jerry Frew, Executive Director, New England League of Middle Schools
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators Board of Directors

Identify your Scholar Leaders and Register Early!