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New England League  
of Middle Schools

**February 2017**  
**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

The Maine Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) and  
the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS)  
announce the

***18<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet***

**Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine at 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE** – This program is intended to give public recognition to the two representative 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Maine who have distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding scholarship and leadership. *The selection of these two students will be 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 Scholar Leader Awards Banquet at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine. The Governor, the Commissioner of Education and other dignitaries will be invited. Each student receives a plaque with his or her name on it signifying the honor. A photograph of the scholar leader receiving the award will also be given to each of the students.

**COST TO MEMBER SCHOOLS** – The cost of the event for the students being honored as scholar leaders will be paid by the Maine Association for Middle Level Education and the New England League of Middle Schools. For NELMS or MAMLE members tables of 8 are \$319.00 and tables of 10 are \$399.00. At times schools have asked local businesses or civic organizations, parent organizations, school activity funds, or the parents themselves to help fund their attendance at 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 Maine Association for Middle Level Education or the New England League of Middle Schools may also participate in this program, but must pay the expenses associated with the event. Tables may be purchased as noted above plus an additional \$40 for each scholar leader. If you are interested in MAMLE membership, please contact Wally Alexander at (207) 859-1362. Join NELMS by contacting us at (978) 557-9311 or [kwilmarth@nelms.org](mailto:kwilmarth@nelms.org) or download a membership application from [www.nelms.org](http://www.nelms.org).

**RESERVATIONS** – Due to planning requirements, **NELMS MUST receive your completed reservation by April 14, 2017.** This is a very popular 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 Maine Association for Middle Level Education and the New England League of Middle Schools look forward to receiving your reservation. We hope this event will become one of the premiere events of the middle level school year. *Please call Karin Wilmarth at the NELMS office at (978) 557-9311 if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,  
Scholar Leader Planning Committee  
Wally Alexander, Executive Director, Maine Association for Middle Level Education  
Jerry Frew, Executive Director, New England League of Middle Schools

**Identify your Scholar Leaders and Register Early!**