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## LOCAL MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ students at  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, ME, were recently honored  
Middle Level Scholar Leaders at a Banquet on May 11, 2017 at the Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME. The students  
were presented with an award whose criteria included demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing  
service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and  
school activities.

Almost 250 students, educators, and parents attended this Banquet to celebrate the achievements of the middle level  
students who are representative of the many fine young adolescents in all middle level schools in the State of Maine.  
Fifty-one students from 26 schools were honored at the Eighteen Annual Middle Level Scholar Leader Awards  
Banquet. The event was organized by the Maine Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) and the New  
England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) with a supporting sponsorship from Lifetouch National School Studios.

*For more information about the Scholar Leader Award program, please contact NELMS. For the list of participating schools  
from this event, please visit: [http://www.nelms.org/pages/awards/sl\\_maine.html](http://www.nelms.org/pages/awards/sl_maine.html)*

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## MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS PROGRAM

### 2017 Selection Criteria

All decisions concerning selection have a certain subjective element. However, the Maine Association for Middle Level Education and the New England League of Middle Schools urge schools to follow the recommended criteria described below. Selection procedures used at the school must be fair, non-discriminatory, and consistently applied.

It is suggested that two students, one male and one female, be selected from the eighth grade (unless the school has all female or all male students). Seventh grade student recipients are appropriate if that is the highest grade in your school.

The following criteria are suggested:

- Excellent attitude towards learning
- Provides service to classmates and school
- Is a positive role model for peers
- Takes responsibility for own behavior and learning

These additional indicators may be of assistance:

- ✓ Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- ✓ Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- ✓ Shows leadership in group situations
- ✓ Shows respect for self and others
- ✓ Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others
- ✓ Demonstrates academic initiative and is willing to uphold scholarship
- ✓ Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and school activities
- ✓ Is dependable in any responsibility undertaken
- ✓ Volunteers and is gladly available and willing to offer assistance to others
- ✓ Accepts criticism willingly and recommendations graciously
- ✓ Exemplifies desirable qualities of character and integrity