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New England League  
of Middle Schools

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## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

The New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) and  
The Rhode Island Middle Level Educators (RIMLE)  
announce the

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

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI at 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE** – This program is intended to give public recognition to two representative 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Rhode Island who distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding citizenship, scholarship, and leadership. *The selection of these two students is the responsibility of each school. (See selection criteria on reverse)*

**AWARDS BANQUET** – The two students selected, school representatives, and others who want to join the celebration, are invited to attend the statewide Scholar Leader Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza. The Governor, the Commissioner of Education, and other dignitaries will be invited to attend. Each student will receive 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 Rhode Island Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools. Tables can be purchased for groups of 8 for \$319.00 or for groups of 10 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 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 Rhode Island Middle Level Educators 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. To become a RIMLE member contact the RIMLE office at (401) 499-0646. Join NELMS by contacting us at (978) 557-9311, email [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 28, 2017.** This is a very popular event with limited space so we encourage you to make your reservations right away. **All schools are assigned tables on a first come first served basis.** The New England League of Middle Schools and the Rhode Island Middle Level Educators 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,

Jerry Frew, Executive Director  
New England League of Middle Schools

Pat Marcotte, Executive Director  
Rhode Island Middle Level Educators

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