



# Win Recognition for Your Character Education Initiative



## National and State Schools of Character Awards Program

Win recognition for your character education initiative. Apply to be recognized in the National/State Schools of Character awards program. Every year, the Character Education Partnership (CEP) selects schools and districts (K–12) as National Schools of Character (NSOC) for their exemplary work in social-emotional and character development.

State sponsors from over half the states in the U.S. also award State Schools of Character (SSOC) recognition to schools and districts within their state. State sponsors send the state's best applicants on to the national-level competition.

Go to <http://www.character.org/ssocparticipatingstates> to see if your state participates. If your state does not, you can apply directly to CEP for the NSOC award.

The purpose of both the state and national awards is to honor exemplars in social-emotional and character education, showcase their work, and facilitate their

leadership in the field. National award winners receive a grant from CEP to fulfill their role as ambassadors of character education. They present at the Character Education Partnership's National Forum on Character Education and provide staff development and mentoring for other educators.

National Schools of Character receive a banner and a certificate, along with national and local media recognition. CEP also features the National Schools of Character in an annual publication and on its website.

Visit [www.character.org](http://www.character.org) for details. **Applications are due December 1, 2009.**

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