

# Wisconsin Promising Practices Awards 2012 Application Guidelines



The Wisconsin Character Education Partnership is sponsoring state level **Promising Practices** awards to schools and districts in Wisconsin for implementing a practice that promotes character development in their schools. The practice should also exemplify one or more of the Character Education Partnership's *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education* (see [www.character.org](http://www.character.org) or [www.wicharakter.org](http://www.wicharakter.org) for the Eleven Principles).

If your school or district has developed and successfully implemented a character education practice, we encourage you to apply for a Wisconsin Promising Practices award. WCEP awards scholarships to recipients of Promising Practice Awards for training in character education. Recipients will also be recognized at the annual character conference held in June.

Remember, WCEP is not looking for a description of your entire character education initiative, but rather a specific practice or aspect of your program that other schools may learn from and even replicate. Applicants are encouraged to read samples of past Promising Practices on WCEP's website, [www.wicharakter.org](http://www.wicharakter.org). You may also wish to review nationally recognized past promising practices on CEP's website [www.character.org](http://www.character.org).

**Please note:** If you wish to be considered for a *national* award/recognition by the Character Education Partnership (CEP), you must apply separately to them. You must apply online at CEP for National Promising Practice Award by going to their website, [www.character.org](http://www.character.org). CEP's deadline is March 1, 2012. If you have a problem applying online, please contact Lisa Greeves, Manager of the Promising Practices program, at [lgreeves@character.org](mailto:lgreeves@character.org).

WCEP is requiring the same information, but it must be submitted to us via email to [wicharakter@yahoo.com](mailto:wicharakter@yahoo.com).

**Applications for the Wisconsin Promising Practice Awards must be submitted by February 20, 2012, to us at [wicharakter@yahoo.com](mailto:wicharakter@yahoo.com). If you need assistance, please contact Pam Woodard 414-963-1423, or email [pamwoodard@yahoo.com](mailto:pamwoodard@yahoo.com).**

## To Apply

To apply for the Wisconsin Promising Practices Award you must complete the Wisconsin Promising Practice 2012 Cover Sheet and submit your application document with the required information and in accordance with the application guidelines. Please submit this to WCEP at [wicharakter@yahoo.com](mailto:wicharakter@yahoo.com) for consideration for Wisconsin Promising Practices.



*Leading a Wisconsin Call to Character*

## Promising Practice Application:

To apply, please answer the following questions and submit as your application to WCEP. Please comply with the limit on number of words permitted for each response. If you wish to submit for more than one Promising Practice, please complete a separate application for each practice.

- **Complete the Cover Sheet** – located on the website [www.wicharakter.org](http://www.wicharakter.org).
- **Practice Name** – Enter the official name of the practice as you would like it to appear on WCEP materials.
- **Principle** – Select one of CEP's Eleven Principles that your practice best represents.
- **Date of implementation** – Select the year you began this practice.
- **Responses to three narrative questions** – *These responses will be used to evaluate your application.*

### Narrative Questions:

#### 1. What is the practice and how have you implemented it in your school or district? (300 words max.)

Provide a detailed and specific description of your practice. When possible, give information about:

- Rationale, goals, and objectives
- Preparation and training
- Number of people involved
- Frequency of the practice
- Bibliographic reference information for any commercial programs or materials cited

#### 2. How does the specific practice contribute to character development? (200 words max.)

Explain how the practice helps students develop good character and any activities that allow for feedback and reflection from students and staff.

#### 3. What impact is the practice having on students in your school or district? (200 words max.)

Provide evidence that students have acquired positive skills, attitudes, or behaviors as a result of this practice. Explain how you have measured success and include any testimonials or survey results that confirm your practice's effectiveness.

- ❖ For WCEP, you do not need to send a digital photo. If your practice is selected, we will contact you to submit photos for use in our award ceremony.

**Submit the above to WCEP by February 20, 2012 via email to [wicharakter@yahoo.com](mailto:wicharakter@yahoo.com). For questions please contact Pam Woodard 414-963-1423, or email [pamwoodard@yahoo.com](mailto:pamwoodard@yahoo.com).**

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