



Wisconsin Promising Practices Awards 2019 Application and Guidelines

If your school or district has developed and successfully implemented a unique 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.

The practice should exemplify one or more of the Character Education Partnership's Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education (www.character.org). In addition, the following criteria are considered:

- Specificity - addresses on particular aspect of CE program
- Uniqueness - either a new concept or a creative adaptation
- Transferability - can be replicated by other schools/districts
- Demonstration of measurable results - immediate or over time
- Significant impact - develops character and is transformative
- Frequency of practice - ongoing throughout the school year
- Level of involvement - significant number of students involved

Please note that WCEP is not looking for a description of an entire character education initiative, but rather an ongoing specific practice or aspect of the program. The activity/program should have been in place for at least one full school year so the impact of the activity can be assessed. Applicants are encouraged to view samples of past Promising Practices on WCEP's website, www.wicharakter.org.

Applications for the Wisconsin Promising Practice Awards must be submitted to us by February 1, 2019, at wicharakter@yahoo.com. If you need assistance, please contact Pam Woodard 414-963-1423, or email pamwoodard@yahoo.com.

To Apply for Wisconsin Promising Practices Award you must:

- Complete the Wisconsin Promising Practice 2019 cover sheet
- Complete the application document following the application guidelines.
- Submit both documents to WCEP at wicharakter@yahoo.com
- Include one digital photo

Please note: If you wish to be considered for a *National Promising Practice Award* by Character.org, you must apply via the website www.character.org. The application is essentially the same, however, to be considered for both state and national, you must apply to each one separately.

Promising Practice Application:

To apply, please answer the following questions. 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 or attached to this sheet.
- **Practice Name** – Enter the official name of the practice as you would like it to appear on WCEP materials.
- **Principle** – Select one of Character.org's Eleven Principles that your practice best represents.
- **Date of implementation** – Indicate the month/year you began this practice, (**should have been in place for at least one full school year**).
- **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.

Submit the above to WCEP by February 1, 2019 via email to wicharakter@yahoo.com. For questions please contact Pam Woodard 414-963-1423, or email pamwoodard@yahoo.com.

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