



2024 Wisconsin Promising Practices Awards Guidelines

WCEP seeks programs and activities with a unique approach that enhances your school's Character Education Program.

WCEP awards scholarships to recipients of Promising Practice Awards for a day-long online training in Character Education this summer and for the Alverno Character Education Conference in March 2025.

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 must be addressed for a successful application:

- **Specificity** - addresses one particular aspect of the 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** – a 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. Practices for consideration should have been in place for at least one full school year.

Applicants are encouraged to view samples of past Promising Practices on WCEP's website, www.wicharakter.org.

The deadline to email your application for the 2024 Wisconsin Promising Practice Awards is **March 15, 2024**.

To Apply for Wisconsin Promising Practices Award, you must:

- Complete the application document and answer the four narrative questions following the application guidelines.
- Comply with the maximum length allowed for each question.
- Note that no additional materials should be attached to the application or submitted.

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, you must apply separately to be considered for both state and national.

Promising Practice Application:

If you wish to submit for more than one Promising Practice, please complete a separate application for each practice.

- Complete the WI Promising Practices 2024 Cover Sheet & Application.
- On a separate document, provide your responses to the *four narrative questions* – *These responses will be used to evaluate your application based on the criteria listed earlier on this page.*
- Save as Word or PDF documents, and submit via email to: WCEP@SRPFF.org by **March 15, 2024**.

Narrative Questions:

1. **What is the story behind your practice? (Max 2500 characters)** Please include the items listed below in your explanation:
 - Rationale, goals, and objectives
 - How did it start
 - What challenges did you face
 - Preparation and training
 - Number of people involved (students, staff, parents, community)
 - Frequency of the practice (daily, weekly, monthly)
 - Reference information for any commercial programs or materials cited
2. **How does the specific practice contribute to character development? (Max 2500 characters.)** Explain how the practice helps students develop good character; explain how activities allow for feedback and reflection from students and staff.
3. **What impact is the practice having on students in your school or district? (Max 2500 characters)** 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.
4. **What is one component or feature of your Promising Practice that educators might find most impactful or unique? (Max 2500 characters)** Please explain why.

Submit this information via email to WCEP@SRPFF.org by **March 15, 2024**. For questions, please contact Pam Woodard via email at pamwoodard@yahoo.com.