



EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD 2008

The New Jersey Association of Partners in Education defines a "partnership in education" as a collaborative effort between a school(s) or school district(s) and one or more community organizations with the purpose of improving the academic and personal growth of America's youth. Businesses, government and community agencies, community clubs and organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, religious organizations, the media, health care agencies, labor organizations, and parent organizations may join in partnership to support school improvement and reform.

Nominated programs must have existed for at least two years. The individual, school district or organization being nominated, must be a member of the New Jersey Association of Partners in Education to qualify for the award. Entries must focus on a single partnership or volunteer program. For example, nominate your district-wide "Mentor Program" or an individual partnership program within the district or a school. Do not nominate the district's overall program involvement with outside organizations.

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- ◆ Uniqueness of the program
- ◆ Stability
- ◆ Relationship to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
- ◆ Activities
- ◆ Impact on targeted populations
- ◆ Evidence of support from those involved in the activity

Nominations that do not follow all rules as outlined will be disqualified.

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Deadline for Submission: April 11, 2008

Follow these four steps to nominate a program.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All entries must be submitted on a disk or CD, along with six (6) hard copies. All disks must be labeled with the program name.

Step 1 Describe your program in terms of the sections below and label each section of your description. You are limited to four pages of 8.5" x 11" paper, double-spaced, single-sided.

Area 1: Goals: How does this program support student achievement through its alignment with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards? State relevant program goal(s) and how it relates to the Core Curriculum Content Standard(s).

Area 2: Activities: What are the activities and unique features of the program? (Include the number of volunteers, volunteer hours, students, parents, teachers, and corporate or community involvement).

Area 3: Outside Resources: What outside resources (financial and human) support the partnership program? If your program is selected, how will you use the \$1,000 to support your partnership program?

Area 4: Evaluation: What has been the impact of the partnership program on the students, teachers, and community being served? Factors to be considered include the number of students involved, increased student achievement, increased parental involvement, and attitude changes of students and staff through pre- and post-test data.

Area 5: Stability: Are the major organizational components of the program in place? Describe the stability of the program as a whole, as evidenced by the length of time in existence, status of the coordinator, sources of funding for program operation, recruiting and recognition of program participants, orientation and training.

Area 6: Endorsements: Which major stakeholders in the school-community partnership support the program? Include brief statements by three individuals involved with the program (must be included in the four pages of narrative).

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Step 2 Complete this information form.

Program Name: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Title: _____

Nominator's Address: (Street Address/City/State/Zip Code) _____

Nominator's Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: (Street Address/City/State/Zip Code) _____

List of Community Partners: _____

The nominated program focuses on the following grade level or area:

(Please select one)

Elementary Middle/Jr. High School High School

Vocational-Technical School Other _____

District: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District Superintendent: _____

District Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Date of Program Initiation: _____

Step 3 Make six copies of the information you produced in Step 1. Make six copies of the form you completed in Step 2 and use them as cover sheets. *Please submit printed copies along with the cover sheet and program description on an IBM/PC formatted disk or CD. Be sure to label your disk or CD.* Winning entries will be listed on the NJAPIE Web site. **DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER MATERIALS.**

Step 4 MAIL THE DISK, ORIGINAL AND ALL COPIES TO:
NJASA/NJAPIE Exemplary Program Award
920 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618 - Attn: Kathy Zega

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked no later than April 11, 2008. All submissions will be notified in April.

Note: To qualify for this award you or your organization must be a member of the New Jersey Association of Partners in Education. A membership application is enclosed. Should you have questions, please contact Kathy Zega by calling 609-599-2900, ext. 129 or e-mail her at kzega@njasa.net.