

WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD



The staff members, students, and parents of Waunakee Community Middle School join the members of the American Legion in recognizing the importance of citizenship. We work together within our community to promote the best practices demonstrated by good citizens. Each year students in 7th and 8th grades will be nominated and selected to earn the citizenship award. We want students to be an active part of the process and thus we encourage them to nominate the most deserving students in their grade. Awards will be made by each team. Seventh grade students will be recognized within their homeroom/team at the end of the school year. Eighth grade students will be recognized at the eighth grade promotion ceremony. Their name will be announced at the recognition ceremony and they will receive a certificate with their promotion certificate.

Following is information about the criteria for the award, how students may nominate others and how students are selected. Please take the time to learn more about this important recognition.

Students, we encourage you to demonstrate all of the qualities that good citizens display.



WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The American Legion of Waunakee and Waunakee Community Middle School will use the following guidelines to promote and reward citizenship within each team.

All teachers at each grade level will be involved in selecting the finalists for the team awards.

- Each large team will select 8-12 students per team.
- Each small team will select 4-6 students per team.

The students who earn the awards from the 8th grade teams will be eligible for the all school American Legion Award at the completion of 8th grade.

- Names of students who earned awards in 7th grade will be noted on the listing during their 8th grade year.
- All teachers from both grade levels will be involved in selecting the finalists for this award.

Students may nominate other students.

- Students must complete a written nomination on how the student meets the criteria.
- Students must provide evidence in five of the eight categories.
- Students must provide evidence on Respect (1) and Self-Discipline (2).

Teachers may nominate students.

- Although written nominations are not required, information on how the students meet the criteria is appreciated.

Students will not be involved in selecting the finalists.

Criteria:

Students nominated and selected must meet the characteristics defined below:

1. **Respect** (required to be addressed in nomination)
 - The student treats others as you would want to be treated.
2. **Self-Discipline** (required to be addressed in nomination)
 - The student has control over his/her emotions and actions.
3. **Responsibility**
 - The student is accountable for his/her behavior and belongings.
4. **Citizenship**
 - The student is involved in our school and community in a positive manner.
5. **Friendship**
 - The student treats others, students and adults, with kindness.
6. **Fairness**
 - The student cooperates with others and treats others in an equitable manner.
7. **Perseverance**
 - The student works consistently toward achieving academic and behavioral goals.
8. **Courage**
 - The student does the right thing and does not follow the crowd to participate in inappropriate actions, particularly when it is more difficult to lead than follow.

WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Student Nomination Form

Every student at Waunakee Community Middle School is eligible for recognition for citizenship awarded by The American Legion and Waunakee Community Middle School staff members annually. Every student should strive to excel in demonstrating the characteristics identified below.

Students may nominate other students for this important and significant recognition.

- Students must complete a written nomination on how their nominee meets the criteria.
- Students must provide evidence of how the nominee meets the criteria in five of the eight categories.
- Students are required to provide evidence on how the nominee meets the criteria on Respect (1) and Self-Discipline (2). These two areas must be included in the nomination (along with three other characteristics of your choice).
- The quality of the evidence you provide, not the number of nominations will be used to evaluate the nomination.

Criteria:

Students nominated and selected must meet the characteristics defined below:

1. **Respect** (required to be addressed in nomination)
 - The student treats others as you would want to be treated.
2. **Self-Discipline** (required to be addressed in nomination)
 - The student has control over his/her emotions and actions.
3. **Responsibility**
 - The student is accountable for his/her behavior and belongings.
4. **Citizenship**
 - The student is involved in our school and community in a positive manner.
5. **Friendship**
 - The student treats others, students and adults, with kindness.
6. **Fairness**
 - The student cooperates with others and treats others in an equitable manner.
7. **Perseverance**
 - The student works consistently toward achieving academic and behavioral goals.
8. **Courage**
 - The student does the right thing and does not follow the crowd to participate in inappropriate actions, particularly when it is more difficult to lead than follow.

Please complete the nomination form on the opposite side of this paper and submit it to your homeroom teacher by April 16. If you have any questions, please speak with any of your teachers. Thank YOU for doing your part to meet the criteria and recognizing your friends for their good work.

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Student Nomination Form**

Name of student you are nominating: _____
(Name – Print clearly) *(Grade)*

Complete a minimum of five (5) of the following eight (8) areas. You MUST complete 1 and 2.

1. Respect (required to be addressed in nomination)

These are examples of how the student I am nominating treats others and items with respect:

2. Self-Discipline (required to be addressed in nomination)

These are examples of how the student I am nominating controls his/her emotions and actions:

3. Responsibility

These are examples of how the student I am nominating is responsible for his/her behavior and belongings:

4. Citizenship

These are examples of how the student I am nominating is involved in our school and community in a positive manner:

5. Friendship

These are examples of how the student I am nominating treats others (students and adults) in a kind manner:

6. Fairness

These are examples of how the student I am nominating cooperates with others and treats others fairly:

7. Perseverance

These are examples of how the student I am nominating works consistently toward achieving his/her academic and behavioral goals:

8. Courage

These are examples of how the student I am nominating does the right thing, leading rather than following:

Please submit this completed form to your homeroom teacher. Thank you.