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**Minnesota Promising Practices Awards – 2015 Application**

Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy) sponsors state-level Promising Practices Awards to schools, districts and youth-serving organizations in Minnesota for implementing a unique character education practice exemplifying one or more of the *11 Principles of Effective Character Education* (11 Principles).

To apply for a Minnesota Promising Practices award, complete the application form below and submit via email

**by** **March 13** to [bbergseth@synergyexchange.org](mailto:bbergseth@synergyexchange.org). For more information, an e-application or a copy of the 11 Principles, visit the [Synergy website](http://www.synergyexchange.org/Celebrate/MNSOC/mn_pp.aspx). To complete the application, click on the gray form field next to question and enter your information. Character limits do not include spaces. Text that exceeds the character limits will not be included.

***Please note****: If you wish to be considered for a national Promising Practices Award, a separate application is required.*

[*More information.*](http://character.org/schools-of-character/promising-practices-overview/promising-practices-application/)

**Basic Information**

**Application is for a** **school,** **district or** **organization**

**Name of school, district or organization**:

**Address**:      **City**:       **Zip/Postal Code**:

**Main phone number** (xxx-xxx-xxxx):       **Website**:

**Contact Information**

**Main Contact**

**Prefix**:  Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr.

**Name** (First and Last      **Job Title**:

**Email**:      **Phone** (xxx-xxx-xxx):

**Administrator Contact** [if different from main contact person]

**Prefix:**  Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr.

**Name** (First and Last):       **Job Title**:

**E-mail**:       **Phone** (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

**Demographics**

**Setting:**  urban (city) urban (town) suburban rural

**Grade levels:**       **Enrollment:**

**Describe the young people you serve and the location(s) where you serve them:** [300 characters max]

**Additional Information**

**Year practice began**:

**How did you hear about this program/application?**  [Check all that apply]

Synergy/CEP website SSOC coordinator Email/mailing colleague/supervisor conference other

**Check all that apply (to the best of your knowledge)**

This organization has applied for a Promising Practice before.

This organization has received one or more Promising Practices before.

**Overview**

**Enter the name of the practice exactly as you wish it to appear:** [50 characters max]

**This practice implements the following Principle(s):** [Check up to 2]

Principle 1: Promotes core values

Principle 2: Defines "character" to include thinking, feeling and doing  
Principle 3: Uses a comprehensive approach  
Principle 4: Creates a caring community  
Principle 5: Provides students with opportunities for moral action  
Principle 6: Offers a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum  
Principle 7: Fosters students' self-motivation

Principle 8: Engages staff as a learning community

Principle 9: Fosters shared leadership  
Principle 10: Engages families and community members as partners

Principle 11: Assesses the culture and climate of the school

**This practice fits under the following Topic(s):** [Check up to 3]

Academics

Administrators

Assemblies  
Assessment & Action

Behavior Management/Positive Discipline

Bullying/Peer Cruelty Prevention

Class Meeting /Cooperative Learning

Community Members  
Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation

Differentiation/Performance Character

Engaging/Interactive Curriculum

Integration into Curriculum  
Leadership Groups  
Mentoring   
Older Students

Orientations/Welcoming  
Parents & Grandparents

Relationship Building  
Service to Community/Service Learning  
Service to School/ School Beautification  
Social Issues/Diversity/Tolerance  
Social Recognition/Sportsmanship

Staff Development/Student Leadership  
Student Autonomy Empowerment  
Student-led Assessments  
Teaching/Learning of Core Values  
Teen Programs/Personal Responsibility  
Visual Display of Core Values

Workshops/Classes/Discussion Group

**Enter a one-sentence description of your practice** [200 characters max]:

**Enter a one-paragraph description of your practice** [1,200 characters max]:

**Practice Information** Answer each of the questions below. Give unique, separate responses for each.

**1. What is the practice and how have you implemented it in your school or district?** [1,800 characters max]

*Provide a detailed and specific description, providing information about the rationale, goals, objectives, preparation and training, number of people involved and frequency of the practice.*

**2. How does the specific practice contribute to character development?** [1,200 characters 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 effect is the practice having on students in your school, district or organization?** [1,200 characters 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 survey results or testimonials that support the practice’s effectiveness.*