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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. 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

[x] 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.*