



The Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC) Principal of the Year Award

Research has shown that the principal is the key to the success of any school. Those who work in the area of student government and student activities know that the principal is also the key to the establishment and continuation of student activity programs. Without the strong support of the principal, student activities, including student government involvement and representation at the school and county level, would not be possible. It is for

this reason that MCJC seeks to identify and recognize those principals who enable and empower student leaders and student organizations while maintaining high standards for the comprehensive school program.

While this award goes to an individual principal on the county level, the purpose of the award is to highlight the many contributions made by all principals throughout the county who support and nurture student activities and student leaders.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

1. Each school is eligible to nominate its principal. Nominees must be from MCJC member schools. *If your school is also a member of MASC, and you wish to nominate your principal for the state principal award, you will need to expand your recommendations. Include how the principal supports the MASC mission (see <http://mdstudentcouncils.com> for the MASC Wayne Perry Principal of the Year Award application).
2. **Schools need to submit their nominations to the Student Affairs Office by 4:00 p.m. on January 27, 2012 (If no applications are received for MCJC/MASC Principal of the Year, the MCJC award application will remain open until April 13, 2012)**
3. The MCJC Principal of the Year selection committee shall consist of the MCJC elected officers, appointed MCJC staff, and the MCJC advisor. The Coordinator of Student Affairs facilitates the selection process, but does not vote. If an officer or staff member is from the school of the applicant, that staff member will recuse him/herself from the vote
4. The selection committee will evaluate nominees in terms of their support of the mission of MCJC and the contribution of student activities to the overall school climate and school success.
5. The award recipient will be announced at the MCJC Awards General Assembly.

NOTE: If your school is nominating your principal for the MASC Principal of the Year Award, you can download the MASC application from their web site (www.masconline.info). The due date is 4:00 p.m. on January 27, 2012, not what you see listed on the MASC application, as MCJC is only allowed to forward one name to MASC and we must make our selection to meet the MASC deadline. Your nomination must be sent to the Student Affairs Office.

(If no applications are received for MCJC/MASC Principal of the Year, the MCJC award application will remain open until April 13, 2012)

Questions? Email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org

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Nominee Information:

Name of Principal Nominee: _____

School: _____

SGA Advisor: _____

School Telephone #: _____

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Email (in body of the email or as a Microsoft Word attachment) and Fax recommendations are required from the following individuals:

1. *The nominator (student)*
2. *SGA Advisor*
3. *Another activity club advisor (Environmental Club, Math Club, etc.)*

Recommendations should address the following:

- 1) How the nominee supports the mission of MCJC*
- 2) The involvement of the nominee in student activities
- 3) How the nominee shows support of the student body and faculty
- 4) How the nominee's support of student activities contributes to the school climate and school success

*The MCJC mission statement and goals reads as follows:

The mission of MCJC is to create a countywide representative body for all middle school students in Montgomery County, Maryland. This organization seeks to:

- *voice a collective opinion of students on county affairs*
- *promote communications between schools and MCJC*
- *increase the effectiveness of the individual student councils by facilitating leadership workshops*
- *initiate and promote improvement and activities for middle school students*

MCJC will encourage communication between members of the Executive Board and each middle school's Student Government Association (SGA), develop leadership skills, and put into action ideas from member schools.

MCJC Goals:

- *To have membership from all of the middle schools in Montgomery County Public Schools*
- *To encourage the active involvement of all member schools*
- *To regularly conduct leadership activities during MCJC General Assemblies.*
- *To conduct an annual MCJC leadership conference for all MCPS middle schools*
- *To encourage effective communication between the MCJC Executive Board and member schools.*
- *To encourage middle school MCJC representatives to report the activities of the SGA to MCJC.*
- *To take action on ideas, activities and legislation discussed and passed in the General Assembly.*

Note: Attachments other than recommendations will not be considered.

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See <http://mdstudentcouncils.com> for the MASC Principal of the Year Award application if you would like MCJC to consider your principal as our nominee to the state.