



Ohio Middle Level Association

2010 TEAM OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

The Team of the Year award is the most distinguished honor the Ohio Middle Level Association can bestow upon an interdisciplinary team of middle level teachers to recognize its accomplishments with students and contributions to middle level education. A monetary award of \$1,000.00 will be presented to the team to use in any way they choose. In addition, up to \$1,000.00 will be provided for team members to attend the OMLA Annual State Conference.

Nomination Criteria

- Nominee must be a current member of the Ohio Middle Level Association.
- All OMLA members are eligible to nominate a candidate.
- Nominated team members must be OMLA members (individual or part of a building membership).
- Previous recipients may not be nominated. An interdisciplinary team may not receive the award more than once.
- There is no limit to the number of times a team may be nominated (with the exception of a team receiving the award).

Criteria for Evaluation of Nominations

- Nominated teaching team's goals, procedures, and accomplishments must promote the middle school concept and align with Research-based best practices that are academically rigorous and developmentally responsive to the needs of young adolescents.
- Criteria include, but are not limited to, how the team has:
 1. Advanced the middle level philosophy in the school and community
 2. Built team identity and cohesion
 3. Demonstrated integrated/interdisciplinary curriculum planning & instruction
 4. Increased student achievement
 5. Recognized student accomplishment
 6. Planned special team activities and service projects
 7. Demonstrated flexible use of time (e.g., grouping/regrouping)
 8. Promoted parent/community involvement
- School organization supports interdisciplinary teaming
- Nomination must be received by the posted deadline

Awarding the Honor

- A committee of the Ohio Middle Level Association Executive Board members will review all nominations.
- If multiple teams meet the selection criteria on paper, the two or three highest rated will be visited. The highest rated team after visitations will receive the recognition.
- The selected Team-of-the-Year will be recognized at the OMLA annual state conference.
- If no teams meet the selection criteria, the award will not be given.

Application Deadline: November 20, 2009



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Please print or type all information.

Nominated Team's School: _____ School Address: _____ _____ School Phone Number: _____ Name of School Principal: _____ Grade Level of Nominated Team: _____ Names of Team Members Nominated: _____ _____ _____

Please attach a typed narrative of 1000 words or less to this nomination form stating the basis for this nomination. Be specific in identifying the reasons for the nomination, including (but not limited to) an explanation of how the team has:

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Name of Recommending OMLA Member: _____ School: _____ Position: _____ Telephone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Send completed nomination form to: **Dona Klein**
3812 Raymonde Lane
Erlanger, KY 41018

Nominations must be postmarked no later than November 20, 2009