



Teammate of the Year Award

Honoring a legacy with the promise of the future

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Objective

The Ripken name is synonymous with character, integrity, and perseverance, which form the cornerstone concepts in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's (CRSF) youth programming efforts. Through programs such as the *Healthy Choices, Healthy Children (HCHC)* character education program, CRSF strives to honor the respected and revered memory of Cal, Sr. A consummate teacher and leader, Cal, Sr. was never happier than when he was working with kids. The Teammate of the Year Award presented by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation will honor deserving youth that have made positive choices, inspired others to act, and become positive leaders in their community. Each year, CRSF, in conjunction with the National Middle School Association (NMSA), will honor a deserving youth that truly exemplify the traits of Cal, Sr.

Program Audience

Throughout the country, NMSA and CRSF are reaching out to middle level youth and instructors to encourage implementation of *Healthy Choices, Healthy Children*. Through a competitive grant process, CRSF and NMSA will provide up to 25 material grants to deserving schools and/or districts to implement the program. Any school implementing the *HCHC* program will be eligible to nominate two (2) youth for the Teammate of the Year Award presented by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation.

Nomination Criteria

CRSF will solicit applicants from schools/districts administering the *HCHC* program. Each school/district will be eligible to nominate two (2) youth, based on the following:

- Successful completion of the *HCHC* program
- Staff observations and narrative detailing the youth's achievements
- Achievement in school and/or the community

Nomination and Selection Process

Upon receipt of nominations, CRSF will work in conjunction with NMSA to narrow the field to five (5) finalists. The five (5) finalists will be presented to a committee of judges, comprised of CRSF and NMSA personnel to determine the Teammate of the Year presented by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation.

Recognition of Award Recipient

Each year, the Teammate of the Year presented by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation will be recognized at the NMSA Annual Conference in conjunction with CRSF.

NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 30, 2010

AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please keep the following criteria in mind when selecting a youth for nomination:

- Must have participated in *Healthy Choices, Healthy Children* program
- Should exemplify the character traits that help to define Cal Ripken, Sr.'s legacy – making positive choices, inspiring others to act, and serving as a leader in the community
- Must be between the ages of 9-15

Please complete the following prior to submission:

- Contact information for staff member and nominated youth,
- Staff member narrative
- Nomination check-list and certification

Please include the following attachments:

- Copy of recent report card or statement of academic excellence/improvement
- List of activities in which nominee participates
- Any other relevant information about the young person

Nomination is due to the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation no later than June 30, 2010

Please submit via mail to:

Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation
Attn: Teammate of the Year Award
1427 Clarkview Road, Suite 100
Baltimore, MD 21209

Please submit via email to:

jbreslin@ripkenfoundation.org

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete the following information:

Nominating Staff Member Information	
Name:	
School name:	
Position:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail:	

Nominated Youth Information	
Name:	
School name:	
Age:	
Most recently completed grade level:	
Parent/Guardian name:	
Parent/Guardian phone:	
Parent/Guardian email:	

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NARRATIVE

Please answer the following in narrative form. Submissions should not to exceed two (2) pages in length.

Whether Cal Ripken, Sr. was driving the bus, mowing the lawn or throwing batting practice, he exemplified the traits of success – making good choices, strong leadership, and a tremendous work ethic. Tell us how your nominee has exemplified the traits of Cal, Sr.

- What challenges and/or adversity has your nominee persevered through to become a caring and productive member of the community?
- Is there a specific time that your nominee has inspired others or challenged others to be great through his or her actions?
- How does your nominee exemplify character traits that define Cal, Sr.’s legacy including making good choices, strong leadership, and a strong work ethic?

CHECK LIST AND CERTIFICATION

- Contact information
- Narrative
- Copy of recent report card or statement of academic excellence/improvement
- List of activities in which nominee participates
- Other relevant information about the nominee that demonstrates achievement

I hereby certify that all information included in this nomination packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of nominating staff:

Printed name:

Date:

Phone number:

E-mail:

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