



LEONARD MILLER PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FAQ's

"Let's empower our Principals. Give them quality training. Clear their path to focus on students" --Leonard Miller

Who is eligible to apply for this award?

You must be a Principal:

- who has formerly or is presently participating in a Council program or activity
- who has been in a Principalship for three years (2010-2011 can be third year)
- who intends to continue practicing as an educator (not a career achievement award)
(Please see chart at the end of this FAQ for a listing of Council programs and qualifying dates.)

What is the criteria to win?

1. You must have raised student achievement at your school
2. You must have done a great job in developing and empowering your school staff
3. You must have formed strong business and community partnerships

Do you have to be an "A" school to win?

No. Significantly raising student achievement, regardless of the school grade, is the criteria. Many former Grand and Gold Medallion winners were not Principals of "A" schools.

What do you mean by developing and empowering your staff?

As the instructional leader of the school, the Principal must build a strong team to support the school's goals. That means providing the staff and teachers with quality professional development, giving them opportunities to use their unique skills, and encouraging them to flex their leadership by initiating and/or implementing special projects or activities.

How is the winner/winners decided?

An independent review committee--educators, data experts and community members with extensive school improvement and partnership expertise--examines and rates the applications, choosing finalists. The next step is an onsite visit of the finalists' schools and discussion with the Principals by an educator with Principal experience and also a business/community leader. Their ratings are factored with the review committee's to determine the winners.

Does the Principal have to apply his/her self? Can someone else apply for them on their behalf?

Principals can apply themselves or someone else can apply on their behalf. There is no preferred method.

Is the application complicated?

No. It is a user-friendly online application accessed at our website: www.changeeducation.org. In addition to the narrative section, you will be able to attach documents or exhibits that provide evidence of the assertions for the three criteria. Please limit attachments to documents that are relevant to the criteria and/or requested. Extraneous exhibits will be disregarded.

Do I need the approval of my supervisor or Superintendent to apply? No.

Will there be technical support, if needed, to assist with uploading the application?

Yes. Tracey Hastings is in charge of technical support and can be contacted via email: thastings@changeeducation.org or by calling her at the Council, 954.727.9909.

Whom should I contact about content, eligibility or other questions about the application?

Contact Tracey Hastings via email: thastings@changeeducation.org or by calling her at 954.727.9909.

Are there any restrictions on the winner's use of the award money?

No. All awards are for personal use, emulating the corporate practice of personal incentives rewards.

Will I be notified about the decision?

Yes. You will receive notification about your status when the finalists are announced, mid-to-late October. After that, visits to the finalist schools will be scheduled. The Grand winner will be announced at Award event. The other finalists are automatically Gold Medallion winners.

If I applied for the award previously, can I apply again?

Yes with one exception—Grand Award winners cannot win again and, therefore, should not apply. Gold Medallion finalists, however, may apply to win an Award.

COUNCIL PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	QUALIFYING DATE
PASS© (Partnership to Achieve School Success)	PASS model must have started prior to Sept. 1, 2010
Executive PASS©	Model must have started prior to Sept. 1, 2010
Florida Leadership Academy© Assistant Principal Leadership Forum©	Attended June or July Academy in 2003, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08 '09 '10 ('11 participants eligible next year)
Accelerated School Administrator Program (ASAP/ELA)	Participated prior to Sept. 1, 2010
SP SnapShot™	Started prior to Sept. 1, 2010
Teacher Mentoring Initiatives	Started prior to Sept. 1, 2010
Leader to Leader	Started prior to Sept. 1, 2010