

Judith L. Snow Award Overview for 8th Grade Students



PARK RIDGE-NILES
SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Who is Judith Snow?

- 25-year Park Ridge resident
- Dedicated to the League of Women Voters
- Described by friends as conscientious, decent, dutiful, full of integrity, honorable and principled.

When she died in 1995, an award was created to honor her memory. This award fosters awareness and respect for ethical behavior in a leadership role among District 64 8th grade students. It is presented annually to one or two eighth grade students from each middle school who demonstrate "ethical leadership."



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Ethical Leadership Award Recognition

- All D64 8th Grade students are eligible for the award.
- Winners are recognized at the end of school celebration & a school board meeting
- Winners receive \$250 from District 64.
- Winner's name are engraved on Judith Snow Award plaque continuously displayed at each of the school.



What is ethical leadership?

Ethical Leadership is defined as knowing your core values (including Emerson SOARS and Lincoln ROARS) and having the courage to live by them in all parts of your life in service to the common good.

Ethical leaders are principled and lead with:

- INTEGRITY
- SELFLESSNESS
- DEPENDABILITY
- CARING
- FAIRNESS



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Award Application Process

- Interested students must secure the following:
 - Student Application
 - One Teacher Recommendation
 - One non-District 64 Community Member Recommendation (ie. coach, clergy, charitable organization leader)
- Student application templates and recommendation forms are available online at d64.org.
- Completed applications and recommendations must be submitted by Monday, May 13th, 2024



Ethical Leadership Characteristics

Words to keep in mind:

- Integrity - complete honesty and taking responsibility for actions
- Selflessness - concern for others, thinking of others before self-empathy
- Dependability - reliability, others feel they can trust your ability
- Caring - feeling of concern, serious attention or effort, the responsibility of supervising or protecting
- Fairness - respecting the rules and acting honestly



Application Essay Tips & Tricks

- Start by brainstorming a list of things that you decide to do everyday, every month, every year for others. These should not be things that you do simply because someone else tells you to do it.
 - Elaborate or add to the areas that clearly demonstrate ethical leadership
 - Emphasize the characteristics that make you different than your peers.
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- Remember, the readers have never met you. They will only get to know you from what you write. (Proofread your essay to make the best impression.)
 - Make sure to be descriptive, yet accurate and objective, about your accomplishments, contributions, and why you feel you are an Ethical Leader.

Application Deadline

May 13, 2024

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