



The Secretary of the State's
2014
8th Grade Excellence In Citizenship Award

Co-Sponsored by:
The Connecticut Citizenship Fund Inc.

The mission of the Connecticut Citizenship Fund is to increase interest and participation in government, particularly in state and local government, increase citizen participation in elections, and enhance school age appropriate civic education programs, and to stimulate involvement in civic activities.

Contest Timeline:

- April 4, 2014 - Submission deadline. Must be postmarked or hand delivered by April 4, 2014.
- April 18, 2014 - Judging deadline.
- TBD - Notification of winners
- TBD - Awards Ceremony (Presented at school awards ceremony, if possible. Usually held in May/June)

Guidelines:

- The student must be a current 8th grader in the State of Connecticut.
- An ENTRY FORM must be sent in with your submission.
- Submissions must be made by a representative within the student's school community (guidance counselor, principal, etc.).
- Only one submission will be accepted from each school.
- **SUBMISSIONS may be emailed to Diana.theriault@ct.gov on or before April 4, 2014.**
- Mailed ENTRY FORMS and SUBMISSIONS must be postmarked on or before April 4, 2014.
- **Submissions must not exceed 5 pages (one sided only). Your name and school must be on the upper right hand corner of each page.**
 - Page 1 - ENTRY FORM
 - Page 2 - LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
 - Page 3 - LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND/OR ACHIEVEMENTS (not more than 1 page please)
- Paper size must be 8 ½ x 11 only (no binders or plastic covers please).

Other Information:

- All students who are submitted to receive this award will receive a "Certificate of Recognition" which will be mailed to the person indicated on the ENTRY FORM.
- Our judges will select one winner from each Congressional District to receive a \$100 prize and a citation which will be presented to the winning student at the event listed on the ENTRY FORM. **Please Note:** In the event that the Secretary's schedule does not allow her to attend your event we will schedule a press event so the Secretary can present the award at that time.
- The contact person listed on the ENTRY FORM will be contacted only if their submission is selected to receive the \$100 prize.
- Winners will be posted on the [SOTS website](#).
- Submissions will not be returned so please make a copy prior to mailing them in.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY

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ENTRY FORM

School Name:	
Street Address:	
Town/City & Zip:	

Student's Name		
Is the student aware they have been nominated by their school to receive this award? <i>(Please circle)</i>	YES	NO

Person to be notified if student is selected to receive the \$100 Award:	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

If the student is selected to receive the \$100 award, what is the date and time of the ceremony when you would like it to be presented by the Secretary?	
Date:	
Time:	
Address of Event:	
Name of Event:	

If you have any questions please contact Diana Theriault@ Diana.theriault@ct.gov or 860.509.6030.

Mailing Address: **Office of the Secretary of the State**
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