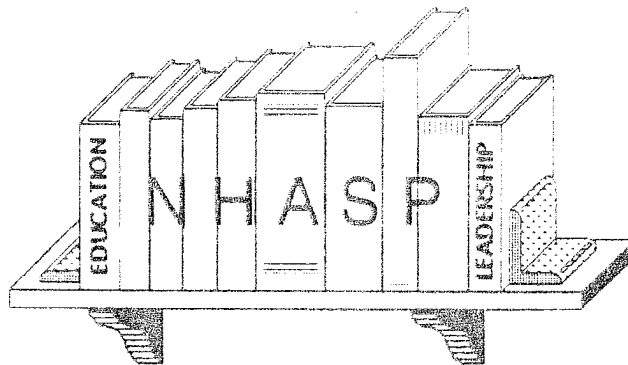


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## GUIDELINES

TO: Secondary Principals/Guidance Counselors  
FROM: Peggy McAllister, Executive Director  
RE: Francis Wayland Parker Award  
DATE: October 3, 2011

Some suggestions that can make a difference with judges in terms of nominations:

1. Be sure that the **Principal signs** the nomination form; not assistant principal or guidance counselor. No signature stamps please.
2. Be sure each area of the form is completed. A blank area = "0" points. (Very important to have correct address and zip code)
3. In the ninth grade situation, have student list their grades if there is no class rank.
4. Be sure the content of the essay addresses this year's topic.
5. Be sure the essay is 500 words or less.
6. Be sure to proof your essay as spell check on the computer does not catch all errors.
7. You may fax the material ahead, but be sure to MAIL the original.

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Francis Wayland Parker  
October 3, 2011

**FRANCIS WAYLAND PARKER ESSAY**

**(25 POINTS)**

**Attach student essay (in 500 words or less) on:**

**“Governor Lynch has asked Francis Wayland Parker to join the New Hampshire Executive Council to become a voice for education in the state. Francis Wayland Parker has asked to meet with you for your ideas – what will you tell him?”**

**Please share the brief history of Francis Wayland Parker with your students that is included in this packet.**

The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire (commonly known as the Governor's Council) is the executive body of the U.S. state of New Hampshire. The Executive Council advises the Governor on all matters and provides a check on the governor's power. New Hampshire is one of the few states that has an Executive Council, and is the state whose council has the most power. While the Governor retains the right to veto legislation passed by the New Hampshire General Court, and commands the New Hampshire National Guard, the Council has veto power over pardons, contracts with a value greater than \$5,000, and nominations. The Executive Council Chambers have been located in the New Hampshire State House since the chambers were added to the capitol in 1909.

**All entries must be postmarked by “Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>” and sent to:**

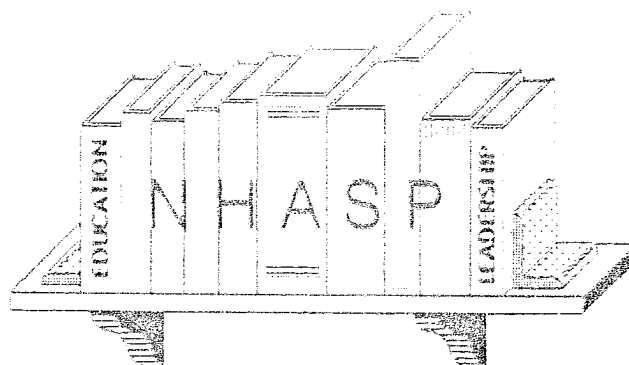
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**ROTATION OF GRADE LEVEL NOMINEES**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>

Due to the numerous end-of-the school year commitments, the NHASP has decided to plan our annual Francis Wayland Parker banquet for May 10, 2012 and therefore, there will **NOT** be a nominee / scholar for May.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE'S**  
**FRANCIS WAYLAND PARKER**  
**SCHOLAR AWARD**

This academic recognition award was developed to promote academic recognition of students, as well as foster the role of the principalship in the process. Principals wear many hats and one of the least publicized is that of honoring students for academic success. This award will involve all secondary schools in the state with the potential of 65,000 eligible students.

Business partnerships have been formed with the Union Leader, a State newspaper, who has agreed to publicize the monthly scholar; The Coca Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England, Inc. has agreed to fund an annual \$2000.00 scholarship; and Lifetouch National School Studios will fund an annual banquet to honor the scholars.

All secondary principals will be given background information and criteria for nominating students. A panel of seven judges has been chosen from prominent citizens and business leaders in the state who will make a selection each month. In early June, all monthly winners and their families will be honored at an awards ceremony. At that time, the Francis Wayland Parker Scholar of the Year will be announced and awarded the \$2000.00 scholarship.

(Brief History of Francis Wayland Parker on reverse side)

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## *Brief History of Francis Wayland Parker*

*What the nation is looking for today is better education without spending any additional money. It has been done before. With a total budget increase of only \$500, Colonel Francis Wayland Parker revolutionized education in America.*

*The scene in Quincy, Mass. in 1873: The graduating class was assembled before their parents and teachers to undergo their final examination. Much to the chagrin of the principal, the chairman of the school board informed him that the board would administer the exam. Instead of well drilled answers to preplanned questions the students were asked to write a composition. The results were disastrous.*

*The school committee then hired Francis Wayland Parker, who had just returned from studying the European systems of education, as their new superintendent of schools and gave him free rein.*

*Then things began to happen! First, the set program was dropped. Then, the speller, the reader, the grammar, and the copy-book were set aside. Next, he established educational principles and gave full authority, within those principles, to teachers to develop their own methods of teaching. Finally, with his \$500, he acquired supplemental reading books and material.*

*He lectured the teachers on how to teach and how to make learning interesting. He also granted freedom from restrictive discipline to the students. Colonel Parker continuously made rounds, teaching in every school himself, carrying with him the new books, and demonstrating the new techniques. He observed his teachers and cleared out those who clung to old methods.*

*Word soon traveled throughout the education world of his work in Quincy. It was called the "Quincy Movement". During the next three years, thirty thousand educators, hundreds per day, came from all over the nation to observe his revolution in education. Because of his growing reputation he was offered, but declined, the position of school superintendent in Philadelphia.*

*John Dewey, noted progressive educator, was to call Francis Wayland Parker the "Father Of Modern Education". Francis Wayland Parker was probably the nation's greatest educator. At the time of his death he was Director of the School of Education at the University of Chicago.*

*Colonel Parker obtained his military rank in the Civil War. He volunteered from his hometown, Manchester, as a Lieutenant in the New Hampshire Fourth Regiment. He was in the fiercest fighting and was severely wounded. Of the original 1000 men under his command in the spring of 1864 only 40 remained fit for duty by fall. He was promoted to Colonel, at age 28, for bravery under fire.*

*Colonel Parker's remains were laid to rest in the Piscataquag Cemetery, in 1902; just a stones throw from his birthplace (Sacred Heart Church site). His old regimental bugler sounded taps, old comrades-in-arms saluted and the high school chorus sang. In recognition of his prominence as a national educator the schools of Manchester were closed for the day. The large gathering of teachers and students heard the speaker say: "To honor a man who did more to emancipate childhood, to ennoble teaching, and to vitalize education, than anyone else in our lifetime."*

*(Please share above information with students prior  
to their completion of essay)*

**FRANCIS WAYLAND PARKER SCHOLAR  
OCTOBER  
NOMINATION FORM**

General Instructions:

Answer **all** questions to the best of your ability and follow instructions completely. This nomination form and related materials must be postmarked by the **15th of the month** in order to be considered for the present month.

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

\*PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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ACHIEVEMENT: (25 POINTS)  
GRADE POINT AVERAGE/CLASS RANKING

\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: (15 POINTS)  
CLUBS/STUDENT COUNCIL/PUBLICATIONS/ATHLETICS

\_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/CITIZENSHIP SKILLS: (15 POINTS)  
VOLUNTEERISM

\_\_\_\_\_

LEADERSHIP SKILLS: (20 POINTS)  
OFFICER OF CLASS OR ORGANIZATION/POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

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**\* ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE PERSONAL SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL**