

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Program Purpose: The Scholar of the Month (SOM) program began in 1981. The goal of the program is to publicly recognize the academic achievement of high school students in the City of Hartford and to provide these students with leadership development skills.

Program Sponsor: Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) a coalition of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College

Participating Schools: A.I. Prince Technical School
Bulkeley High School
Hartford Public High School
Sports Sciences Academy *

Selection Process: Each high school will select eight (8) high school students per year, one (1) each from October through May. The eight students will consist of two (2) Seniors, two (2) Juniors, two (2) Sophomores, and two (2) Freshmen as follows: October - Senior; November - Junior; December - Sophomore; January - Freshman; February - Senior; March - Junior; April - Sophomore; May - Freshman. A designated guidance counselor will determine the appropriate student based on the highest QPA. Students cannot receive the Scholar of the Month Award more than once.

Liaison: Each school will work with two representatives from the SINA Education Committee who will serve as a liaison to SINA and will work with the school to assess the appropriate method of award distribution. The SINA Education Committee will meet with all counselors at least once a year.

Public Recognition: Within each high school, winners of the SOM Award will be recognized by receiving publicity in the high school newspapers, over the PA system, and in other appropriate ways appropriate for each school. Hartford newspapers will also publicize the achievements of the Scholars.

End-of-Year Event: At the end of each academic year, winners will attend a half day outdoor leadership training program; followed by a barbecue with family members, educators and SINA representatives to acknowledge their achievements.

Awards: Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to purchase books at Barnes & Noble Bookstores, a certificate of completion for the outdoor leadership training, and a t-shirt or sweatshirt from their respective school's college partner. They will also receive a suitable token of recognition from SINA.

*Sports Science Academy is allotted two winners per academic year.