

**Evansville Catholic Interparochial High Schools**  
**2008 LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
**CRITERIA**

The following criteria will be used to select up to 25 students from each of the Evansville Catholic Interparochial High Schools – Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial for the “2008 Leadership Award.”

- ♦ Student must be of junior class rank.
- ♦ Student must have a cumulative GPA of Honors status:
  - ♦ 3.0 GPA (out of a possible 4.0) at Mater Dei High School
  - ♦ 4.0 GPA (out of a possible 6.0) at Reitz Memorial High School
- ♦ Student must participate in at least three recognized school activities (one of which may be athletics) during the current academic year.
- ♦ Student must complete at least one service/community activity during the current academic year.
- ♦ Qualifying students must submit a personal typed narrative essay of 300 to 500 words on the following topic:

*"How has my Mater Dei/Memorial High School education prepared me for life after high school - academically, socially and spiritually?"*

Essays will be reviewed and evaluated by an independent panel of judges based upon the following criteria:

- The essay must express content that reflects the Mission of Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High Schools.
- The ideas expressed in the essay must focus on the topic of the essay question.
- The essay must include supportive details.
- The writing must be organized and fluent.
- The writing must be free from mechanical and grammatical errors.
- The essay must be typed in a single spaced format with essay pages stapled together.
- The student’s name, address, school, and grade level is to be typed in the upper left hand corner of each page of the essay.

Eligible students may request an application from the counseling office. The essay is to be paper clipped to the completed Leadership Award Application form and submitted to the Guidance Counselors office no later than **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.**

Essay points awarded by the judges will count for 50% of the score. The school, service, and community activities included on the Leadership Award Application will count for 50% of the score.

Up to 25 juniors will be selected from each school. 2008 Leadership Award recipients will be recognized at a special Parent & Student Dinner in the spring. One student from each school will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500. This will be announced at the Parent & Student Dinner. Parents of award recipients will also be invited to the dinner. In addition, recipients will be invited to attend the annual Tomorrow's Work Force Luncheon held in the fall.