



# AWARDS NIGHT CRITERIA

## Milwee Middle School

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**Disney Dreamer and Doer** – This award is self-nominated – students are asked to reflect on their lives and consider what they have done at home, in school, and in the community to make their world and ours, a better place. Students choose a Teacher Champion and both write an essay. The winning essay receives the distinction of Milwee Disney Dreamer and Doer.

**RISE Award** – Nominated by teachers or staff members, one student per teacher or staff member – Based generally on students consistently exhibiting RISE expectations – Respect, Integrity, Safety, & Excellence.

**SASA Leadership** – Sponsored each year by the Seminole association of School Administrators. This student shows leadership qualities in both the school and the community.

**SASA Phoenix** – Sponsored each year by the Seminole association of School Administrators. This student has overcome roadblocks and achieved success!

**Longwood Juvenile of the Year** – Sponsored each year by the City of Longwood. This student goes about his/her everyday activities with little need for recognition. This student has good attendance, good behavior and attitude, is eager to help, has good grades, a willingness to follow directions, and a constant strive for improvement.

**Take Stock in Children Scholarship** – This scholarship is sponsored each year by the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools. Eligible 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the district can apply for this 2 year scholarship.

**Duke Tip** – Duke Tip is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented students – working with students, their families, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and help students reach their highest potential. Candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT as seventh graders.

**President's Volunteer Service Award** – The President's Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards programs encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and recognition. Students must have acquired the required number of service hours within a 12 month period to qualify for one of three levels of achievement. 50 – 74 hours = Bronze, 75-99 hours = Silver, and 100 hours + = Gold.

**Perfect Attendance All Three Years** – Based upon the students' daily attendance. Students must have ZERO day absences for all three years of middle school (both excused and unexcused) to qualify for perfect attendance.

**Athletic Achievement** – Nominated by coaches in the following categories: most dedicated, most positive, most improved, and MVP – for after school sports (Cross Country, Track & Field, Volleyball, Basketball)

**Academic Achievement Award** – Nominated by each teacher, one student per teacher, per prep – Given for academic achievement in the teacher's class for ELA, ESOL (English Speaking Union sponsored award, recipients receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble), Reading, Social Studies, Science, Math, Intensive Math, and Electives. ACCESS students are included in the academic area in which they earned the award.

**President's Award for Educational Excellence** - Recognizes 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for academic success measured by a 3.5 to 4.0 or higher GPA for the current school year based upon their weighted semester 1 GPA and weighted quarter 3 GPA, PLUS high achievement on state normed reading or mathematics examinations (or) recommendations of a teacher plus one other staff member.

**Gold Spartan 4.0 GPA or Higher** – Recognizes students who have maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA or higher for the current school year (including virtual school) based upon their weighted semester 1 GPA and weighted quarter 3 GPA in their current grade level – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Platinum Spartan 4.0 GPA or Higher all 3 Years** – Recognizes students who have maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA or higher for three years in middle school (including virtual school) based upon ALL the following:

- Weighted Cumulative YTD GPA in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and;
- Weighted Cumulative YTD GPA in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and;
- Weighted Semester 1 GPA in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and;
- Weighted Quarter 3 GPA in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.