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## Memorandum

**DATE:** March 15, 2010  
**TO:** Chapter Presidents  
**FROM:** Larry Clark, MSNA Awards Chair  
**RE:** Rhonda Motley Gold Success Award

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Special recognition for the Rhonda Motley Gold Success Awards will again be given to outstanding food service people at the Maryland School Nutrition Association Convention in October. We will follow our established application process.

Again, we ask that all chapters open the application process and allow all members to submit applications, and then conduct a selection process to determine who will represent the chapter. We would like the chapter candidate's name to be submitted to me no later than June 1, 2010. Candidates have until August 29, 2010, to provide required backup information for judging.

We have enclosed a letter and application form, which should be sent to all chapter members to make them aware of the award and the selection process. We recommend that chapters request applications from interested chapter members by April 30, 2010, to allow time for the chapters to conduct a selection process. This is the same form the state judges will be using to select the Grand Award Winner.

Any past chapter Rhonda Motley Gold Success Award winner who did not win the State Grand Award can reapply in the chapter selection process after three years have passed.

Candidates must be current members of the state and local associations to be considered for the award, and may or may not be currently employed. The award recognizes accomplishments in the following areas: increasing participation; increasing food quality and/or acceptability; public information and awareness; legislation; nutrition education; and professional growth.

As in the past, chapters are also to pay the convention registration fee for their Gold Success candidate.

The Rhonda Motley Gold Success Awards are an important part of our convention. I hope each chapter will help make it a big success by sending in your candidate's name. If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 218-1520 or [larry.clark@pgcps.org](mailto:larry.clark@pgcps.org).

*You may mail applications to: Larry Clark, 13248 Whiteholm Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 21157*

*cc: county foodservice supervisors/directors (via email)  
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## RHONDA MOTLEY GOLD SUCCESS AWARD 2009-2010

Dear Chapter Member:

Special recognition will again be given to an outstanding food service person in our chapter at the MSNA Convention October 8-9, 2010. Our chapter must select a person to represent us. Once we select our chapter's representative, our chapter must submit the following application by June 1, 2010, to MSNA's Awards Chair, Larry Clark.

Candidates must be current members of the state and local associations to be considered for the award, and may or may not be currently employed. The areas of accomplishment recognized by this award include: increasing participation; increasing food quality and/or acceptability; public information and awareness; legislation; nutrition education; and professional growth. If you would like to be considered for this award, please complete the application below and return it to your chapter president no later than April 30, 2010. If you know someone else in the chapter you feel would be a good candidate, please encourage him/her to apply.

A chapter Rhonda Motley Gold Success Award winner who has not won the State Grand Award is eligible to reapply for the Gold Success Award after a three-year time period has passed. The Rhonda Motley Gold Success Awards are an important part of our convention. We hope you will apply.

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### RHONDA MOTLEY GOLD SUCCESS AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in School Food Service \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Member of Local School Nutrition Association \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Member of MD School Nutrition Association \_\_\_\_\_

List Offices or Committee Chairmanships Held in Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

List Offices or Committee Chairmanships Held in State Association \_\_\_\_\_

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*Required Backup Information (Chapter winners must submit the following to Larry Clark, 13248 Whiteholm Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 21157, no later than August 29, 2010):*

1. Application form.
2. Describe on an additional page your accomplishments and why they deserve special recognition.
3. Letters of recommendation (minimum of three required).
4. Pertinent clippings (at least one) showing accomplishments in food service from school papers, PTA newsletters, city and county newspapers. Show name of paper and date published.
5. Photographs of activities in cafeteria or classroom, displays, nutrition education materials or cooperative activities in food service with outside groups or community organizations.
6. Any other information to support your application can be attached.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT**

**RHONDA MOTLEY GOLD SUCCESS AWARD**

***Q. What is the Rhonda Motley Gold Success Contest?***

A. It is a contest sponsored by the Maryland School Nutrition Association (MSNA) to honor people employed in school food service who “go that extra mile”. They are people who do more than their job requires. They are dedicated to serving the nutritional needs of school children and furthering the school lunch program.

***Q. Who may enter the Contest?***

A. Anyone who is currently, or has been in the past, employed in school food service. The contestant also must be a member of the state and local association.

***Q. Do I have to be a manager, a high school graduate or certified to enter the contest?***

A. No, no and no! A contestant can be a general worker, manager, area manager, or supervisor. You do not have to have any special educational level, and you do not need to be certified.

***Q. How do I enter the Contest?***

A. Ask for an application from your local chapter president and enter your chapter’s contest. The winner of the local contest enters the state contest. If your local chapter does not have a Gold Success competition, contact the MSNA Awards Chairperson for an application. This year’s chairperson is *Larry Clark, 13248 Whiteholm Dr., UpperMarlboro, MD 21157*. The application should be filled out and a booklet prepared containing some of the information requested on the application form. This includes letters of recommendation and descriptions of some of the activities in which you have been involved.

***Q. What happens after I enter the MSNA Rhonda Motley Gold Success Contest?***

A. The information contained in your booklet is reviewed by a judging committee. A point system is used to judge the activities described in the booklet. All contestants are honored at the MSNA Convention in October. The Grand Award Winner is also announced at this time.

***Q. What do I get for entering the Contest?***

A. All contestants at the state level receive corsages. They are introduced and honored at the Convention, and they receive beautifully engraved gold pins. The Grand Award Winner also receives a lovely, engraved gold bracelet.

***Q. When must I have my booklet ready for the MSNA convention?***

A. The Rhonda Motley Gold Success Chairman must know who is going to be a contestant by June 1. Contestants do not have to actually submit their booklet until August 29. This gives you the whole summer to put the finishing touches on your booklet.

***Q. Is there a special way the booklet has to be put together?***

A. No! There is no special size or way the booklet has to be made. The application lists the various items that should be included, but how you do it is up to you. (Don’t forget to include the application itself.) Just remember, what you include in your booklet tells the judges about you and what you have done in your school food service career.

**So, come on, don’t be afraid to try. This gives you a reason to collect the souvenirs of your career you have been saving in that old shoebox, and organize them in a scrapbook. You just might win some very nice prizes for your effort!**