

AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award

Now in its 33rd year, the National Superintendent of the Year® Program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead our nation's public schools. This program is sponsored by AIG Retirement Services, First Student and AASA.

1. Who is the contact for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

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2. How can I nominate someone for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

Nominations must be completed online at <https://soy.aasa.org/nominate>. NOTE: to be eligible for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award, any nominee must first be awarded their state superintendent of the year designation.

3. Who is eligible to receive the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

Any AASA Affiliate Association State Superintendent of the Year who plans to continue in the profession may be a winner. This program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, front-line superintendents. It is not recognition of service at retirement or a program to reward current state or national leaders.

4. How do I apply to be the State Superintendent of the Year in my state so that I can become eligible for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

Contact your AASA Affiliated/State Associations to inquire about the State Superintendent of the Year selection process and application deadlines. Timelines vary from state to state. AASA has affiliate relationships with **49 state administrator associations** and the [Canadian Association of School Administrators](#) (Canada). Access state association/affiliate websites by clicking on the following link: My.AASA.org

5. If I am my State Superintendent of the Year, where do I apply to become the AASA National Superintendent of the Year and what is deadline?

Submit your application online at <https://soy.aasa.org/application>. The deadline to submit an application is November 1.

6. I am either a nominator or an award applicant and have forgotten my login and password. What do I do?

Each login page has a “forgot your password” link. Complete the steps to reset your password. If you do not receive an email within one hour, please contact AASA Awards at 703-875-0709 or awards@aasa.org

7. What is the selection criteria for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

Each candidate for the National Superintendent of the Year® Award must first be named by their state association as the State Superintendent of the Year.

Each State Superintendent of the Year is judged on the following criteria:

- **Leadership for Learning** – creativity in successfully meeting the needs of students in his or her school system.
- **Communication** – strength in both personal and organizational communication.
- **Professionalism** – constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing professional development opportunities and motivation to others on the education team.
- **Community Involvement** – active participation in local community activities and an understanding of regional, national, and international issues.

8. What is the selection timeline for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® Award?

State Superintendents of the Year submit the application online through the AASA website at soy.aasa.org before November 1.

The deadline for completed applications for State Superintendents of the Year vary by state.

November 1: Deadline for all State Superintendents of the Year to complete the National application online at soy.aasa.org

December 18: National Finalists Notified

January 7: Four Finalists participate in a national briefing and interviews at the National Press Club

February 18: National Superintendent of the Year is announced; All State Superintendents of the Year are honored on stage at the AASA National Conference on Education