2010
Distinguished School Administrators Award

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and ProQuest Company.

About the Award

The purpose of the AASL Distinguished School Administrators Award is:

- To honor those administrators outside the library media profession who through individual leadership and sustained effort have made worthy contributions to the operations of effective school library media services and to advancing the role of the school library media services in the educational program.
- To recognize the responsible and influential role of those administrators outside the school library media department in developing successful school library media programs.
- To stimulate planning, implementing and support of the library services which are essential to a meaningful educational program.

Eligibility

State, county or district school superintendents and building principals, currently in administrative office, directly responsible for a school or group of schools at any level, who is not working in a library media services department and who is not a regular ALA/AASL member are eligible for nomination. District administrators responsible for broad instructional leadership such as assistant superintendents, directors of curriculum and instruction and directors of elementary and/or secondary education are also eligible provided they are not working in a library media services department or a regular ALA/AASL member.

The Nomination Process

1. The individual making the nomination must be a personal member of AASL.

2. At least two supporting letters of reference must accompany the application form. The reference must substantiate that the administrator is an advocate for school library media programs and supports the central role of school library media professionals in developing effective school library media programs. These letters must be submitted by:
    a. School library media specialists and district library media supervisors.
    b. State, district and local library media organizations.
    c. State, district and local education associations.
    d. State school library supervisors.
    e. School library education instructors and agencies in colleges and universities.
    f. Associations of school administrators.
    g. Local school board members.

Guidelines for Award Nominations

Nominations Must Include the Following:

1. A statement of the nominee's outstanding and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in elementary and/or secondary education emphasizing:
    a. Administrative leadership and effort.
    b. Contribution to the concept of effective school library media services.
    c. Success in interpreting the role of the school library in the educational program.

Supporting data must be included in the text of the statement narrative or tabular form. References to publications and speeches must be documented in footnotes. PLEASE DO NOT SEND SEPARATE SUPPORT MATERIAL. SUCH MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE. (Limit: Two [2] typewritten pages, no smaller than 11pt type, double spaced.)

2. The nominee's personal interpretation or statement of library philosophy, which may include quoted material from school board minutes, written school policy, public speeches, published articles or other resources. APPENDIX MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. (Limit: one [1] typewritten page.)

3. Describe the school system and the community served, using statistical data such as number and size of schools, average per pupil expenditures for library materials per year, number of school library media specialists and support staff. (Limit: one [1] typewritten page.)

4. Describe the library situation at the time the nominee began the program and contrast it with the current situation. Indicate if system-wide centralized processing of school library materials and consultant services by a professional school library supervisor are available. Compare and contrast the current and past state of library development within the local situation with that throughout the state where the school district is located. (Limit: one [1] typewritten page.)

5. Make a clear statement of current commitments and future plans for the improvement of school library services. (Limit: one [1] typewritten page.)

Nomination forms can be obtained through the school library media supervisors or consultants in the various state education agencies or the headquarters of the American Association of School Librarians, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2795.

Nominations as submitted become the property of AASL. Please do not include any materials not requested in the application form. Appendix materials will not be considered. The Committee reserves the right to request additional information from state and/or area persons active in school media operations. If, in the opinion of the awards jury, no worthy candidate is identified, it may exercise discretionary powers and recommend that no citation be awarded.

Deadline

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2010
(Facsimile and/or electronic copies will not be accepted.)

Mail 6 (six) copies to:

AASL Distinguished School Administrators Committee
American Association of School Librarians
50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2795

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Name of Nominee:

Title:

School:

Business Address:

Phone: Fax: E-Mail:

Nominated by:

Position:

Signature:

ALA/AASL Membership Number:

Address

City: State: Zip:

Work Phone: Home Phone: Fax:

E-mail: