

## 2021 Illinois Superintendent of the Year Application Information and Procedures

To streamline the application process, Illinois uses the online application provided by the American Association of School Administrators. Go to <https://soy.aasa.org/> to apply online. Please note that once selected as the 2021 IASA (Illinois) Superintendent of the Year, this will automatically qualify you to be a candidate for the 2021 AASA National Superintendent of the Year® award. Please note that being recognized as an IASA Superintendent of Distinction does not automatically qualify you for the Illinois Superintendent of the Year Award. You would still need to apply online.

### Illinois Selection Criteria

Each candidate 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.

### Illinois Application Procedures

- School board members, parents, colleagues and community members may nominate a superintendent or superintendents may nominate themselves. AASA notifies the candidate of the nomination and provides instructions for submitting the online application. Please note that you do not need to be nominated in order to submit an application for the Illinois award.
- All candidates submit the application online through the AASA website, <https://soy.aasa.org/> for the Illinois Superintendent of the Year award. Illinois also requires a brief (no more than 2 minutes) video or text compilation of the candidate's work associated with the Illinois Association of School Administrators, as well as a signed acknowledgement of the Award Recipient Expectations, Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics and Award Review Process. This information is not included in the universal AASA online application so be sure to upload these items on your own. These documents are attached. Please note this video/text compilation is in addition to the requirement from AASA that also asks you to upload a 2 minute video introducing yourself and briefly highlighting your accomplishments.
- The Illinois Association of School Administrators reserves and maintains the right to rescind the Illinois Superintendent of the Year Award for misrepresentation, fraud, sufficient evidence of violation of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics and/or felony conviction relating to or arising out of or in connection with his or her service as an educator.

### Recognition of the Illinois State Superintendent of the Year Selection Process and Timelines

- Friday, October 9, 2020 (11:59 pm, CST) - Deadline for candidates to submit their completed online application which includes a video (no more than 2 minutes) or text compilation of the candidate's work associated with the Illinois Association of School Administrators, as well as the signed acknowledgement of the Award Recipient Expectations, Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics and Award Review Process.
- Mid-October - The Illinois Superintendent of the Year Selection Committee will review the applications.

Please note that the Illinois Superintendent of the Year is normally recognized at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference and a reception at the AASA National Conference. With these conferences being cancelled or held virtually, an alternate plan will be made for the recognition.

Questions on the Illinois program can be directed to Cherry Middleton, IASA Director of Operations and Facilities, at 217.753.2213 or [cmiddleton@iasaedu.org](mailto:cmiddleton@iasaedu.org).

## SECTION I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Part 4 - AWARDS

#### 4.11 Review and Rescission of Awards

All award/scholarship recipients are expected to be of high integrity, moral character and uphold the highest standards of professionalism. The Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators reserves and maintains the right to rescind any award for misrepresentation, fraud, sufficient evidence of malfeasance and/or violation of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics or other applicable code of ethics to which may apply and/or felony conviction relating to or arising out of or in connection with his or her service as an educator or as individual(s) in recognition of exemplary leadership contributions to Illinois public schools, the field of school administration and students.

If there is sufficient evidence of misrepresentation, fraud, malfeasance and/or violation of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics or other applicable code of ethics to which may apply, the recipient's award status may be subject to review by the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Board of Directors either upon (1) 3/5ths vote of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Board of Directors or (2) 3/5ths vote of the entire membership of the IASA Region to which the award recipient's service occurs or last occurred,

Upon said vote, the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Board of Directors shall determine whether to (1) monitor the status of or (2) rescind the award. Rescission of the award requires a 3/5ths vote of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Board of Directors. If the requisite votes are not acquired, the award recipient's status will remain unchanged but shall be monitored by the Board of Directors until which time the review process as detailed above is reinitiated.

If the award recipient is convicted of a felony relating to or arising out of or in connection with his or her service as an educator or as an individual(s) in recognition of exemplary leadership contributions to Illinois public schools, the field of school administration and students, rescission of the award shall become effective immediately upon a simple majority vote of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Board of Directors.

## Award Acknowledgement Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge and understand the selection criteria and award expectations as set forth in the application. If selected, I acknowledge that I am expected to be of high integrity, moral character and uphold the highest standards of professionalism.

I further acknowledge and have read the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics as follows and hereby agree to be held to the professional standards as set forth within.

***The IASA Member shall:***

- exercise allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Illinois
- afford leadership to the educational community
- demonstrate effective and efficient administration and management of schools
- honor the public trust
- be of high moral character in all matters public and private
- practice the highest standards of responsibility
- respect and protect the dignity and worth of all people
- provide the best possible educational opportunities and experiences for all students
- contribute to the achievement of all students at their maximum potential
- foster communication with the public
- increase community involvement in the schools
- recognize parents as partners in a child's education
- support the recruitment and retention of quality teaching and support personnel
- add to the body of specialized knowledge of school administration
- work within school board policy, local, state and federal laws
- advise the board of education on educational matters
- administer board policy and decisions effectively

I understand and agree that by applying and if selected that the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators reserves and maintains the right to rescind any award for misrepresentation, fraud, sufficient evidence of malfeasance and/or violation of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics or other applicable code of ethics to which may apply and/or felony conviction relating to or arising out of or in connection with your service as an educator. As an award winner representing Superintendents statewide we want to make certain the highest standards of professionalism are met.

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Signature

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Date