

2019 AASA National Superintendent of the Year®

Application Information and Procedures

*Before getting started, please note that while this document includes mostly the guidelines for completing the application for the AASA National Superintendent of the Year®, IASA has also included information in **green** below for the Illinois requirements for the State Superintendent of the Year. Thus, if you complete the online application, you will be completing the application for both the Illinois (State Superintendent of the Year Award) and AASA (National 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. 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 AASA National Superintendent of the Year® program, sponsored by First Student, VALIC and AASA, The School Superintendents Association, pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead our nation's public school districts.

Eligibility

Any superintendent, chancellor or top leader of a school system in the United States who plans to continue in the profession may be nominated. 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.

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.

Nomination/Application Procedure

- **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.**
- School board members, parents, colleagues and community members may nominate a superintendent or superintendents may nominate themselves. **Please note that you do not need to be nominated to submit an application for either award.** AASA notifies the candidate of the nomination and provides instructions for submitting the online application.
- All candidates submit the application online through the AASA website, <http://soy.aasa.org/> for State and National Superintendent of the Year® (this is one application for both awards). (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. 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.)

Selection Process

- **Each applicant must contact his or her state association to inquire about the selection process, and application deadlines.**
For Illinois, Monday, August 27 at 11:59 p.m. (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.

Early September - The Illinois Superintendent of the Year Selection Committee will review the applications and provide the name of the successful candidate to AASA.

- **For Illinois: To be eligible for National Superintendent of the Year®, an applicant must first be selected as a State Superintendent of the Year by the state association of school administrators.**
- A national blue-ribbon panel of judges selects four finalists for AASA National Superintendent of the Year® from among the eligible State Superintendents of the Year. The judging panel is composed of distinguished leaders in education.
- The blue-ribbon panel interviews the four national finalists in Washington, D.C., to select the AASA National Superintendent of the Year®.
- The panel's decision will be based on the applications submitted online and an in person interview.

Recognition

AASA National Superintendent of the Year®

- The 32nd AASA National Superintendent of the Year® will be announced at the 2019 AASA National Conference on Education in LA - February 14, 2019.
- A \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to a senior student in the high school from which the AASA National Superintendent of the Year® graduated, or to a senior student in a high school from which the National Superintendent of the Year® is the current superintendent.

State Superintendents of the Year

- Each State Superintendent of the Year is recognized and honored by his or her state administrator association. The nature of recognition and honors vary from state to state. For Illinois, the 2019 Illinois Superintendent of the Year will be announced at the 2018 IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago on Sunday, November 18, 2018.
- State Superintendents of the Year are also honored at the 2019 AASA National Conference on Education in LA.

Superintendent of the Year Program Timeline

Selection of State Superintendents of the Year is made by the state association of school administrators for each state. Each state association determines its own selection schedule, selection process and announcement date. Each applicant must contact his or her state association to inquire about application procedures, requirements and deadlines. Contact information for each state association of school administrators may be found at <http://www.aasa.org/content.aspx?id=23878>.

August 1, 2018	Deadline for <i>nominations</i> to be completed online at http://soy.aasa.org/ . Please note that you do not need to be nominated to submit an application.
As determined by states For Illinois, the deadline to submit the online application and supporting information noted above is Monday, August 27, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. (CST).	Deadline for <i>applications</i> to be received online for state associations. (Contact state association for specific date.) States announce their winners as selections are made. For Illinois, the deadline to submit the online application and supporting information noted above is Monday, August 27, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. (CST).
November 18, 2018	The 2019 Illinois Superintendent of the Year is announced at the 2018 IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago.
December 17, 2018	National Finalists Notified
January 10, 2019	Four Finalists participate in a national briefing and interviews at the National Press Club.
February 14, 2019	The 2019 AASA National Superintendent of the Year® announced on stage at the AASA National Conference on Education.
February 15, 2019	Illinois Reception Honoring the 2019 Illinois Superintendent of the Year (during the AASA National Conference on Education).

Please note that 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.

Questions on the Illinois program can be directed to Cherry Middleton, Director of Operations and Facilities, at 217.753.2213 or cmiddleton@iasaedu.org.

SECTION I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Part 4 - AWARDS

4.8 Superintendent of the Year Award

The Superintendent of the Year Award is selected each year according to the AASA and IASA selection criteria and award expectations. The Illinois Superintendent of the Year is presented at the annual Joint Annual Conference.

4.9 Superintendent of the Year Scholarship

Each academic year, a \$1,000 scholarship shall be awarded to a high school senior of high academic and moral character as chosen by the Superintendent of the Year from either the high school from which the Illinois Superintendent of the Year graduated, or from the school district in which the Superintendent received his/her award. If the Superintendent of the Year graduated from a high school no longer in existence or outside of Illinois, the scholarship shall automatically go to a student from the school district in which the Superintendent received his/her award. Said scholarship shall be selected and awarded to the student prior to May 31 of the academic year following the selection as the Superintendent of the Year.

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.

Signature

Date