



MINNESOTA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM

Name of nominee: _____

Work address: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ cell phone: _____

AWARD

Please choose ONE

- Elementary School Counselor of the Year
- Middle/Junior High School Counselor of the Year
- Secondary/Multilevel School Counselor of the Year
- Post-Secondary School Counselor of the Year
- Supervisor/Administrator of the Year
- Legislator of the Year

Undergraduate Degree: _____

Institution: _____

Graduate Degree: _____

Institution: _____

Nominator Information:

Phone: work: _____ cell: _____ other: _____

Checklist of Required Documentation for Packet:

- ◇ Professional-quality photo
- ◇ Completed ASCA nomination form
- ◇ Letter of Recommendation from nominator (maximum one page)
- ◇ Rationale for nomination (maximum three pages)
- ◇ Supplementary information (maximum ten pages)

Maximum length of packet: 16 pages, front and back, not including nomination form. All award materials must be postmarked by March 1, 2009

Nominations should be sent to:

MSCA Professional Recognition Awards

Colleen Baldrice
1127 South Everett Street
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MINNESOTA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

**PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR
OF THE YEAR**
**Elementary, Middle/Jr. High,
Secondary/Multi-Level or Post-Secondary**

The purpose of the award is to recognize an Elementary, Middle/Jr. High, Secondary/Multilevel (K-12), and/or Post-Secondary counselor for outstanding service or achievement.

Eligibility for Consideration

- A. The nominee must be currently employed as a full-time counselor and have completed a Minimum of three consecutive years of counseling service at the level of nomination.
- B. The nominee must be a professional member of MSCA – as of December 1st of the year Prior to the Awards Recognition Gala.
- C. The nominee must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in school counseling and be Licensed by the State of MN.

Recognition Criteria

- A. The nominee must demonstrate awareness and knowledge of the ASCA National Model and have been responsible for school counseling innovations or further development of Programs aligning with the ASCA National Model to support the career, personal/social and academic development of all students. Nominees must demonstrate leadership, advocacy and collaboration in their work and promote equity and access to opportunities and rigorous education experiences for all students to maximize student achievement. Nominees must also demonstrate collaboration with stakeholders.
- B. The activities or accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five (5) years prior to the date of presentation.
- C. The nominee should maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and recognize that his/her personal conduct is held up to public scrutiny. Nominees strive to be model citizens of their community as well as the school counseling community and their broader professional community. They maintain high moral standards in their personal and professional conduct.

Procedures for Nomination

- A. Nominations may be submitted by Division Association or by any individual.
- B. Complete the Professional Recognition Awards Nomination Form.



MINNESOTA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
SUPERVISOR/ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

The purpose of the Supervisor/Administrator of the Year Award is to recognize a school counseling supervisor or director whose leadership and outstanding services have had a positive impact on the school counseling field for counselors on a local, state, or national level. Or the recognition of an administrator, whose advocacy of school counseling services has a positive impact for the counselors on the local, state, or national level.

Eligibility for Consideration

- A. The nominee must be a supervisor, director, supervisor of district or state school counseling services or an administrator who has consistently made a significant contribution to the improvement of school counseling services.
- B. The nominee must be currently employed as a full-time supervisor, coordinator or director of district or state school counseling services and have completed at least three (3) years of service. If a supervisor, director or supervisor of district or state school counseling services, the nominee's primary responsibility must be in working with school counseling programs at the elementary, middle/junior high, secondary/multilevel or post-secondary level in public or private schools.
If an administrator, the nominee should NOT be actively employed as a school counselor or as a supervisor of school counselors or school counseling services.
- C. If a supervisor or director of school counseling services, the nominee must be a member of MSCA as of December 1st of the year prior to the recognition celebration year.
Administrators are not eligible for membership.

Recognition Criteria

- A. If a supervisor or director of school counseling services, nominees must demonstrate awareness and knowledge of the ASCA National Model and must have been responsible for school counseling innovations or further development of programs aligning with the ASCA National Model to support the career, personal/social and academic development of all students at the local or state level. Nominees must demonstrate leadership, advocacy, and collaboration in their work and promote equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students to maximize student achievement. Nominees must also demonstrate collaboration with stakeholders.
- B. If an administrator, nominees must have exhibited outstanding promotion and support of school counseling programs aligning with the ASCA National Model.
- C. Nominees should maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and recognize that their personal conduct is held up to public scrutiny. They strive to be model citizens of their local communities as well as the school counseling community and their broader professional community. They maintain high moral standards in their personal and professional conduct.

Procedures for Nomination

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LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

The purpose of the Legislator of the Year Award is to recognize state or federal elected officials of government who have demonstrated their belief in and support of school counseling activities by outstanding work in passing legislation or stimulating future legislation which has had an impact on school counseling.

Eligibility for Consideration

- A. The nominee must be a current or former member of the state or federal legislature. The achievement recognized should have had or has the potential for having a positive impact on school counselors or recipients of their services on a state or national level.

Recognition Criteria

- A. The achievement recognized should include primary responsibility for introducing or carrying a bill in a state or national level congress, the gathering of information leading to the introduction and passage of a significant bill, the presentation of testimony of great influence on the introduction or amendment of a significant bill or the contribution of testimony or the exposure of conditions in an oversight hearing resulting in administrative changes or legislative amendments of significance to school counselors or recipients of their services.

Procedures for Nomination

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MINNESOTA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Name of nominee: _____

Business Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

MAJOR FIELDS OF PREPARATION

Undergraduate: _____

Graduate: _____

Colleges Attended: _____

Employment: *(List positions of nominee beginning with present if still employed. Extend back 25 years if possible.)*

_____ (PLACE) _____ (POSITION)

Professional Activities: (*List professional organizations to which the nominee has belonged—any office the nominee has held and any participation to which the nominee has contributed. Be as specific as possible.*)

On a separate, single sheet write at least a paragraph to amplify your reasons why you think this person should receive an OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD. Attach to this form.

Also on a separate sheet write two or three highlights portraying the character of the nominee. It can be humorous. These will be used in presentation of the award if the nominee is selected. Attach to this form.

If there is other information not covered above such as honors, publications, research, etc., please attach evidence or description of the same.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____

Please include nominator letters of support from exactly 2 other individuals (including their personal contact information.)

Please provide names and addresses of local newspapers where press releases may be sent.

Submit ALL materials by **MARCH 1st** in triplicate (3 separate packages) and mail to:

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