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superintendent of the year 2012

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2012 Superintendent of the Year Program

Application Information

The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) is inviting applications for the 2012 Minnesota Superintendent of the Year. The recipient of this prestigious award will be a candidate among other state winners for National Superintendent of the Year, to be announced at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) convention, February 16-19, 2012 in Houston, Texas.

Eligibility

Any superintendent of a school system in Minnesota 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

The Superintendent of the Year Award recipient is selected by a panel of representatives convened by MASA from a variety of Minnesota education organizations. 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 Procedure

Superintendents may nominate themselves, or they may be nominated by school board members, parents, colleagues and/or community members.

Nominations may be made through MASA by notifying the MASA staff (members@mnasa.org or 651-645-6272) that you would like to nominate your superintendent. MASA will notify the superintendent and send application materials their way.

Completed applications are due at the MASA office on Monday, September 19, 2011. Please note that the application is a comprehensive document that takes a bit of preparation, so nominators are encouraged to access the application as early as possible.

Application materials are also available on the MASA web site (<http://www.mnasa.org>).

Nominations may also be made through AASA. Find the nomination form on the AASA web site at <http://www.aasa.org/content.aspx?id=3404> and return it to AASA by July 30, 2011. AASA will then

notify the superintendent and MASA and send the nominee the application materials, which are due at the MASA offices on Monday, September 19, 2011.

Note that the nominator has a section on the application to complete.

Application Procedure

- Candidates must complete the application fully.
- All applications must be typed or computer generated in a font no smaller than 11 points.
- If a candidate creates an application rather than using the prepared one, the form that is generated must be identical to the official application.
- Candidates should submit the application only. Do *not* include copies of a resume, photographs, extra references, binders, plastic sleeves, pocket folders or other extraneous materials with the application. The judges will not consider these materials in the award selection process.
- Candidates should send the complete application to MASA at members@mnasa.org / 1884 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108. Applications must be received by Monday, September 19, 2011 to be considered.

Selection Process

- Each state association of school administrators selects a State Superintendent of the Year. The Minnesota Superintendent of the Year Award recipient is selected by a panel of representatives from a variety of Minnesota education organizations convened by MASA. MASA will then forward the state candidate to the national competition.
- A national blue-ribbon panel of judges selects four finalists for AASA National Superintendent of the Year from among the 49 eligible State Superintendents of the Year. The judging panel is composed of distinguished leaders in education. The panel's decision will be based on the written applications and the letters of recommendation.
- The blue-ribbon panel interviews the four national finalists in Washington, D.C., to select the AASA National Superintendent of the Year.

Recognition

Minnesota Superintendent of the Year

- MASA will announce the award via member email and a press release as soon as the selection is made and the candidates are notified.
- The recipient will be asked to speak at various events, such as the Minnesota Breakfast at the national AASA convention and the MASA Spring Conference.
- Thanks to our sponsor ATS&R Planners/Architects/Engineers, the recognition includes a monetary award that can be used to support attendance at conferences, or for any other purpose the recipient chooses.
- An additional part of the state award is the opportunity to celebrate within the school community with a local event, the format of which is determined by the school community.
- The Governor typically hosts the recipient along with other state education honorees at a short reception at the capitol.
- The Minnesota Superintendent of the Year will also be honored at the AASA National

Conference on Education in February.

AASA National Superintendent of the Year

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

Important Dates

July 30, 2011

Deadline for nominations to be sent to AASA if nominating through AASA.

September 19, 2011

Application Deadline. (Applications are to be sent to the MASA offices—members@mnasa.org / 1884 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108—and received by September 19.)

February 16-19, 2012

The 2012 AASA National Superintendent of the Year is honored at the Conference on Education in Houston, Texas.

For a list of all previous Minnesota Superintendents of the Year, please visit the MASA web site at <http://www.mnasa.org/21241011311595283/site/default.asp>.



MASA is a professional organization whose mission is to establish the statewide agenda for children, serve as the preeminent voice for public education, and empower members through quality services and support. MASA members are school superintendents, directors of special education, other central office school administrators, regional administrators, and higher education administrators and professors from throughout Minnesota.

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For more information:

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