Background

The MASA Board of Directors established this award for its members in February 1985. The purpose of the award is to honor an administrator each year from each of the nine MASA regions. The person selected is representative of the leadership excellence found in MASA members, exhibits a willingness to risk, possesses strong communications skills, is a progressive change agent, and has high expectations for self and others.

Selection Criteria

1. Nominee must be a practicing administrator and a member of MASA.

2. Nominees must have demonstrated professional and organizational leadership within their MASA region.

3. Nominees must have provided service to MASA through their active participation in an MASA district, regional and state organizational and/or leadership functions and activities.

4. Nominees must have demonstrated active involvement in educational and community affairs.

5. Nominee must be regarded as a role model by MASA colleagues.

Selection Procedure

1. The MASA Regional Leadership Chair from each region will create and chair a selection committee; members of the selection committee are not eligible for the award.

2. Nominations may be made by any MASA member within the region. Nominations must be submitted to the Regional Leadership Chair by the date determined by the Regional Leadership Team.

3. The Regional Leadership Chair shall submit their region’s selection to the MASA office by February 8.

4. Individuals may not receive this award more than once.

5. One administrator of excellence representative may be designated to represent each MASA region annually.

The Award

1. Each recipient will be recognized during the spring conference.

2. Each recipient will receive a symbol of recognition.

3. The employing organization of the selected administrator will be informed of the award at least two weeks prior to the spring conference.

4. A news release will be sent to the listed recipient’s local media after the award has been presented.
If you are nominating someone other than yourself for this award, it is recommended that you notify that person of the nomination.

Nominee’s Name
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Job Title and Organization
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Email______________________________________________

List those who should be notified if this person is selected - media contacts, communications staff, board chair, etc.:
Name                Organization                Email
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Biographical & Background Information

Please list or provide a brief description of the nominee’s employment history, educational background, professional organizational involvement and leadership roles outside of their district/organization, and honors and/or awards received.

Please spell out any organizational acronyms. (Limit to last five years). This information will be used in the news release if the nominee is selected for this award. Please attach an electronic copy of the biographical and background information to your submission email.

Selection Questions

Please provide a description of why you believe the nominee is deserving of consideration for this award. Please include examples of the nominee’s excellent leadership, specific achievements within their district and MASA region, and positive contributions towards Minnesota public education. Please attach an electronic copy of the selection questions to your submission email.

Return the nomination form to your Region Leaders. Deadlines may vary based on your region.

Find your Region Leaders at www.mnasa.org/regional-leaders
Regional Administrators of Excellence Past Recipients

**Region 1**
2020 Michael Munoz, Rochester
2019 Jeff Pesta, Kenyon-Wanamingo School District
2018 Mark Matuska, Kasson-Mantorville
2017 Beth Giese, Cannon Falls
2016 Jeff Elstad, Byron
2015 Todd Sesker, Faribault
2014 Steve Sallee, Southland/Leroy-Ostrander
2013 David Krenz, Austin
2012 Barry Olson, Blooming Prairie
2011 Gary Kuphal, Plainview-Elgin-Millville
2010 Peter Grant, Kasson-Mantorville
2009 Robert Kelly, Triton
2008 David Thompson, Stewartville
2007 Roger Ruckert, Zumbrota-Mazeppa
2006 Wendy Shannon, Byron
2005 Brian Grenell, Pine Island
2004 Jerry Williams, Rochester
2003 Bruce Klaehn, Grand Meadow
2002 Marcia Love, Plainview
2001 Richard McGuire, Cannon Falls
2000 Don Berkland, Fillmore Central
1999 Jerry Jensen, Lake City
1998 Robert Carlson, Byron
1997 Patricia Mohn, Rochester
1996 James Neuman, Zumbrota-Mazeppa
1995 Miles Miller, Caledonia
1994 Charles Kyte, Northfield
1993 Cy Kruse, Albert Lea
1992 Ken Doty, West Concord
1991 Sigurd Anderson, Kasson-Mantorville
1990 William Nachatilo, Austin
1989 Richard Berge, Faribault
1988 Dennis W. Rislove, Rushford
1987 Larry Tompkins, Southland
1986 Thomas Ames, St. Charles

**Region 2**
2020 Tom Lee, Waseca Public Schools
2019 Bill Adams, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton
2018 Becky Cselovsky, St. James
2017 Jeff Bertrang, New Ulm
2016 Tom Bruels, St. Clair
2015 Joseph Brown, Fairmont
2014 John Cselovski, Sleepy Eye
2013 Sheri Allen, Mankato
2012 Leslie Norman, Lake Crystal-Wellcome-Memorial
2011 Joel Whitehurst, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
2010 Dale Bransdorfer, Blue Earth Area
2009 Jeffrey Olson, St. Peter
2008 Harlow Hanson, Fairmont
2007 Harold Remme, New Ulm
2006 Ed Waltman, Mankato
2005 Jim Schmitt, Waseca
2004 Tom Lubovich, Belle Plaine
2003 Anthony Boyer, LeCenter
2002 Gil Carlson, St. Peter
2001 Ray Farwell, Montgomery-Lonsdale
2000 Rich Lorenz, NRHEG
1999 Ed Henderson, Waterville-Elision-Morristown
1998 Ralph Miller, Fairmont
1997 James Merritt, New Ulm
1996 Randy Grupe, Martin County West
1995 George Loudenslager, Brewster
1994 Michael Kuntz, Jackson
1993 Don Ruble, Fairmont
1992 Eric Bartleson, Lake Crystal-Wellcome
1991 Cornelius Smit, Fulda-Slayton
1990 Norman Miller, Luverne
1989 Ken Queensland, Blue Earth
1988 Henry Bartel, Windom
1987 Richard Kuball, Mapleton
1986 Gordon Hansen, Wells-Easton

**Region 3**
2020 Wayne Wormstadt, Windom Area
2019 Chris Fenske, Lakeview
2018 Cliff Carmody, SWWC Service Cooperative
2017 Chris Sonju, Glencoe-Silver Lake
2016 John Landgaard, Worthington
2015 Paul Carlson, New London-Spicer
2014 Jerry Kjergaard, Willmar
2013 Keith Kottke, Springfield
2012 Loy Woelber, Westbrook Walnut Grove & Tracy
2011 Dave Marlette, Tracy
2010 Bill Strom, Mountain Lake
2009 David Baukol, Montevideo
2008 Kathy Leedom, Willmar
2007 John Brennan, Red Rock Central
2006 Gery Arndt, Jackson County Central
2005 Corny Smit, Murray County Central
2004 Luther Heller, Springfield
2003 Lee Warne, SW/WC Service Cooperative
2002 Palmer Anderson, Lakeview
2001 Brad Madsen, Dawson-Boyd
2000 Rick Ellingworth, Redwood Falls
1999 Richard Orcutt, Windom Area
1998 Steve Kjorness, Westbrook Walnut Grove
1997 None
1996 None
1995 H. Lyle Jones, Canby
1994 William Bjorklund, Morgan
1993 Ed Nystrom, Montevideo
1992 Burt Nypen, Ortonville
1991 Bernard Ailts, Canby
1990 Harold Kirchgasler, Sleepy Eye
1989 Dwayne Pecks, Ivanhoe-Lake Benton
1988 Wally Johnson, Dawson-Boyd
1987 Ralph Brynerson, Cottonwood
1986 Ralph Norland, Montevideo
Region 4
2020 Julie Critz, Alexandria
2019 Diane Cordes, Breckenridge
2018 Rick Bleichner, Herman-Norcross
2017 Lynne Kovash, Moorhead
2016 Dale Hogie, Lake Park Audubon
2015 Daniel Posthumus, Wheaton
2014 Doug Froke, Detroit Lakes
2013 Phil Jensen, Hawley
2012 Deb Wanek, Pelican Rapids
2011 Tamara Uselman, Perham
2010 Jerry Ness, Fergus Falls
2009 Scott Monson, Morris
2008 Bernie Lipp, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
2007 Todd Cameron, New York Mills
2006 Lowell Niklaus, Detroit Lakes
2005 Janet Mohr, Frazee-Vergas
2004 Larry Nybladh, Moorhead
2003 Ric Dressen, Alexandria
2002 Dale Gilje, Wheaton
2001 Joe Merseth, Frazee-Vergas
2000 Jerry Nesland, New York Mills
1999 LeRoy Mackove, Osakis
1998 Dennis Drummond, Perham
1997 George Cassell, Alexandria
1996 None
1995 Patrick DeSutter, Norwood-Young America
1994 Mark Hinckley, Nicollet
1993 Harvey Kane, Montgomery-Lonsdale
1992 Robert Fossum, Henderson-LeSueur
1991 George Maca, Arlington-Green Isle
1990 David Klepel, Brownton
1989 Dale Captain, Fairfax-Gibbon-Winthrop
1988 Arthur O'Neil, Lester Prairie
1987 John Bartholow, Belle Plaine
1986 Lester Swartwood, St. Peter

Region 5
2020 Jerry Nesland, Freshwater Education Dist.
2019 Vern Capelle, Upsala
2018 Stephen Jones, Little Falls
2017 George Weber, Pierz
2016 Cathy Bettino, Pine River-Backus
2015 David Fjeldheim, Sebeka
2014 Steve Razidlo, Brainerd
2012 Virginia Dahlstrom, Wadena-Deer Creek
2011 Curt Tryggestad, Little Falls
2010 Bruce Lund, Freshwater Ed Dist
2009 Mike Doro, Northland Community
2008 Larry Werder, Browerville
2007 Don Hanson, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
2006 Linda Lawrie, Crosby-Ironton
2005 John Franzoia, Royalton
2004 Jerry Walseth, Brainerd
2003 Phil Johnson, Pillager
2002 James Oraskovich, Pequot Lakes
2001 Ed Anderson, Atikin
2000 Gary Phillips, Brainerd
1999 Russ Martinson, Freshwater Ed Dist
1998 John Russell, Mid-State Education District
1997 Norm Andresen, Paul Bunyan Ed Dist.
1996 Laverne (Bob) Lageson, Big Lake
1995 Orlo Almlie, Willmar
1994 Duane Swensen, Belgrave-Brooten-Elrosa
1993 Don Gornowich, Ogilvie
1992 Glenn Bakeberg, Grove City
1991 Sheldon Johnson, Monticello
1990 Warren Schmidt, Crosby
1989 Raymond Hoheisel, Cambridge-Isanti
1988 Larry Blow, Annandale
1987 Roger Doucet, Holdingford
1986 Lowell Melbye, Willmar

Region 6
2020 Jamie Nord, St. Croix River Education District
2019 Scott Thielman, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose
2018 Robert Huot, Paynesville
2017 Ray Queener, Cambridge-Isanti
2016 Jim Behle, St. Michael-Albertville
2015 Deb Henton, North Branch
2014 Steve Dooley, Albany
2013 Bruce Watkins, St. Cloud
2012 Dan Brooks, Sauk Centre
2011 Jack Almos, Hinckley-Finalyson
2010 Darwin Bostic, Pine City
2009 Steve Niklaus, Annandale
2008 Mary Ruprecht, Rum River Special Ed. Coop.
2007 Fred Nolan, Foley
2006 Greg Vandal, Sauk Rapids-Rice
2005 Ken Runberg, Cambridge-Isanti
2004 Howard Caldwell, Paynesville
2003 Robert Cavanna, Resource Training & Solutions
2002 Janine Dahms-Walker, St. Cloud State University
2001 David Flannery, Elk River
2000 Jon McBroome, Mora
1999 Paul Zemke, Sherburne-Wright Spec Ed Dist
1998 Raymond Hoheisel, Cambridge-Isanti
1997 Tom Nelson, Buffalo
1996 Keith Klein, Pelican Rapids
1995 Don Andersen, Melrose
1994 Dennis Rettke, Morris
1993 Robert Melick, Detroit Lakes
1992 Earl Mathison, Bertha-Hewitt
1991 Robert Gross, Brainerd
1990 Jim Hofer, Freshwater Education District
1989 Donald Hansen, Long Prairie
1988 Harold Larson, Glyndor-Felton
1987 Fred Switzer, Morris
1986 Larry Foley, Wadena

Region 7
2020 Kerry Juntunen, Hermantown Community Schools
2019 William Crandall, Lake Superior & Cook County
2018 John Klarich, Mountain Iron-Buhl
2017 Gregg Allen, Mesabi East School District
2016 Ron Brattie, Cromwell-Wright School District
2015 James Varichak, Chisholm
2014 Deborah Hilde, Eveleth-Gilbert
2013 Matt Grose, Deer River
2012 Tim Caroline, Moose Lake Schools
2011 Charles Rick, St. Louis County
2010 Scott Hoch, Carlton
2009 Charles Futterer, Cook County
2008 Gene Paulson, Mesabi East
2007 Loren Sauter, Mountain Iron-Buhl
2006 David Bottem, Barnum
2005 Lloyd Styrwoll, Grand Rapids
2004 Don Langan, St. Louis County
2003 Julio Almanza, Duluth
2002 James Schwartz, Esko
2001 Tom Hoppe, Barnum
2000 Russell Smith, Cloquet
1999 Stephen Anderson, Northeaast Ed Coop
1998 John Gornick, Mountain Iron-Buhl
1997 Robert Belluzzo, Chisholm
1996 Darrell Nelson, Hill City
1995 Joseph Hobson, Pine City
1994 Daniel Mobilia, St. Louis County
1993 O.W. Pat Ostrand, Hinckley and Finlayson
1992 Don Sandstrom, Hermantown
1991 Warren Rolek, Cook County
1990 James Roberts, International Falls
1989 James Walker, North Branch
1988 Robert Krebsbach, Virginia
1987 Ray Pearson, Esko
1986 James Sauter, Grand Rapids

Region 8
2020 Jeffrey Lund, Marshall County Central Schools
2019 Jeff Biseg, Mahnomen
2018 Mike Kolness, East Grand Forks
2017 Tim Lutz, Kelliher
2016 David Pace, East Grand Forks
2015 James Guetter, Red Lake County Central & Red Lake Falls
2014 Norm Baumgarn, Climax-Shelly
2013 Allen Ralston, Clearbrook-Gonvick
2012 Laine Larson, Thief River Falls
2011 Dan Parent, Win-E-Mac
2010 Christopher Mills, Stephen-Argyle
2009 James Hess, Bemidji
2008 Ron Paggen, Marshall County
2007 Randy Bruer, Fisher
2006 Larry Guggisberg, Roseau
2005 Irv Peterson, Thief River Falls
2004 Ralph Christofferson, Crookston
2003 Murray Turner, Pine to Prairie Cooperative
2002 Diane Lehse, Kelliher
2001 Richard Magaard, Nevis
2000 Jerry Robicheau, Thief River Falls
1999 Bruce Jensen, Kittson Central
1998 Walt Anenson, Climax-Shelly
1997 Mary Ann Schmidt, Fosston
1996 Salvinus Hoffert, Grygla
1995 James Schindele, Stephen-Argyle
1994 Thomas Hanson, Ada
1993 Boyd McLarty, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley
1992 Gene Busch, Newfolden
1991 Dale Wain, Fosston
1990 John Roche, East Grand Forks
1989 Keith Kapphahn, Greenbush-Badgevr
1988 Fred Rohde, Thief River Falls
1987 Melvin R. Hanson, Warren
1986 William Lindberg, Fertile-Beltrami

Region 9
2020 Christine Tucci Osorio, N. St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale
2019 Teri Staloch, Prior Lake-Savage
2018 Peggy Flathmann, Fridley
2017 Lisa Snyder, Lakeville
2016 Connie Hayes, Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate District
2015 Sue Ann Gruver, Prior Lake-Savage
2014 Dennis Carlson, Anoka-Hennepin
2013 Karen Orcutt, Orono
2012 John Thein, Roseville
2011 Melissa Krull, Eden Prairie
2010 Carl Wahlstrom, E Metro Integration Dist
2009 Tom Nelson, South Washington County
2008 Robert Ostlund, Wayzata
2007 Roger Giroux, Anoka-Hennepin
2006 Joann Knuth, St. Paul
2005 Antoinette Johns, Brooklyn Center
2004 Barbara Devlin, Richfield
2003 Mary Swanson, Richfield
2002 Les Sonnabend, Prior Lake-Savage
2001 Don Helmstetter, Spring Lake Park
2000 Jim Tool, Delano
1999 Michael Kremer, Hopkins
1998 Kathleen Ryan Huyen, Stillwater
1997 Ted Blaesing, White Bear Lake
1996 Curman Gaines, St Paul Schools
1995 Ken Pedersen, Stillwater
1994 Don Lito, Mahtomedi
1993 Mary Jo Weingarten, Stillwater
1992 Dennis Rens, Fridley
1991 David H. Peterson, South Washington County
1990 David Wettergren, Stillwater
1989 Don McGuire, ISD #917
1988 Chris Huber, Spring Lake Pavvrk
1987 Lewis W. Finch, Anoka-Hennepin
1986 Kenneth LaCroix, Hasphen-Argyle