

AASA National SUPERINTENDENT of the Year

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2018 AASA National Superintendent of the Year

Application Information and Procedure

The AASA National Superintendent of the Year program, sponsored by VALIC and AASA, The School Superintendents Association, pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead the nation's public schools.

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

- Nominations must be submitted online at soy.aasa.org.
- Nominators must include why they believe their candidate will be an excellent 2018 Colorado State Superintendent of the Year (and possible AASA National Superintendent of the Year) in their online nomination submitted at soy.aasa.org.
- **Completed Colorado nominations must be received online at AASA by August 15, 2017.**
- Upon receipt of a nomination, AASA notifies the candidate of the nomination and provides instructions for submitting their application.
- Candidates submit their application online through the AASA website, soy.aasa.org.
- **The deadline for completed applications for Colorado Superintendent of the Year is September 15, 2017.**
- All candidates for the National Superintendent of the Year Award must first be named by their state association as a State Superintendent of the Year.
- Completed applications for the National Superintendent of the Year Award must be submitted online at AASA by the State Association by November 1.

Selection Process

- Each applicant must contact his or her state association to inquire about the selection process, and application deadlines. Timelines vary from state to state.
- 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 in person interview.

Recognition AASA National Superintendent of the Year

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

- State Superintendents of the Year are honored at the AASA National Conference on Education.
- 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.

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.

August 15, 2017	Deadline for Colorado <i>nominations</i> to be completed online at soy.aasa.org
September 15, 2017 - October 19 - 20, 2017	Deadline for completed <i>applications</i> to be received online for Colorado. Colorado's candidate interviews will be conducted in late-October, and the winner of the 2018 Colorado Superintendent of the Year Award will be announced shortly thereafter.
November 1, 2017	All states select a 2018 <i>State Superintendent of the Year</i> , applications must be submitted online at soy.aasa.org for AASA National Superintendent of the Year.
November 1 – December 15, 2017	Blue Ribbon Selection Committee determines four finalists for AASA National Superintendent of the Year.
December 15, 2017	Finalists notified via phone call and/or email from AASA Director, Awards and Collaborations, Bernadine Futrell.
January 11, 2018	Four Finalists participate in a national briefing and interviews at the National Press Club
February 15, 2018	National Superintendent of the Year is announced; All State Superintendents of the Year are honored on stage at the AASA National Conference on Education, Nashville, TN
November 13 – 16, 2018	Superintendent of the Year Gala and Forum is held in honor of the 2018 Superintendent of the Year

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