

Missouri Association of School Psychologists School Psychologists of the Year Award

Purpose:

To identify and recognize an outstanding school psychologist in the State of Missouri and to increase public awareness of the profession within the State.

Who Can Nominate:

Any person who is a current member of the Missouri Association of School Psychologists (MASP) can nominate a person for the award. Only one person from each district may be nominated in the same year. The nominator is responsible for submitting all materials. Previously submitted nominations may be resubmitted with updated information.

Who is Eligible:

Practicing school psychologists who spend the majority of their time providing direct services to students, teachers, and parents in school settings. Trainers, researchers, or administrators are not eligible for this award.

Selection Criteria:

- Is a MASP member
- Provides school psychological services in line with the current profession practice standards as established by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- Performs job in an exemplary manner
- Earns the respect of others

Procedures and Required Documents

Nomination materials should be in a 10 to 12-point Times New Roman or other similar font for easy reading by the reviewers. All materials should be submitted in one e-mail, unless the data included is too large. The information can also be submitted by mail on a CD. Materials are asked to be submitted electronically, as they will be forwarded to the reviewers electronically for consideration.

1. Nomination Statement: In one page, describe why the candidate should be considered for this award. Give specific examples in any or all of the following areas: data-based decision making; consultation and collaboration; student diversity; development of cognitive, academic, social & life skills; knowledge of schools & home/ school & community collaboration; performs job in an exemplary manner; earns respect of others; has professional membership and leadership. These areas are the domains for school psychology practice established by NASP. A copy of these domains is included with this document.

2. Nominator and Candidate Contact Sheet

3. Candidate's resume

4. Letters of support: These should be one page letters written by individuals knowledgeable (e.g., teachers, parents, students, colleagues, administrators, etc.) about the candidate's capabilities with a focus on the domains of school psychology practice, if possible. At least one letter from be from an individual in the candidate's school system. Four (4) letters of support should be included. It is not necessary for the letters to be on letterhead.

5. Candidate's statement: The candidate should submit an essay to answer the following questions:

- What do you feel are the most important issues faced by schools today?
- How do you feel that you have influenced the learning of students in your school and what would you like to see happen next in your school?

The statement should be no longer than 1,000 words for each question. All nomination materials must be sent electronically in one e-mail by **February 8, 2010** to Clara Elliott at cjelliott@raypec.k12.mo.us .

Please send to:
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