

NASP SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR PROCEDURES FOR 2010

Purpose

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

Who Can Nominate

Each state is invited to nominate one candidate. State school psychology associations must approve nominations. The state association president or his/her designee (e.g., awards chair, NASP delegate) may make the nomination. The nominator is responsible for submitting all the 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. The NCSP is desirable.

Selection Criteria

- Is a NASP member for fiscal year 2009–2010
- Provides school psychological services in line with current NASP practice standards
- Performs job in exemplary manner
- Earns respect of others
- Has membership and/or leadership in local, state, and national professional associations

Procedures and Required Documents

1. Nomination materials should be in a 10- or 12-point Courier or similar font for easy reading by the reviewers.
 - Nomination Statement: In one page, describe why the candidate should be considered for this award. Give specific examples in any of the following areas: data-based decision making; consultation and collaboration; student diversity; development of cognitive, academic, social, and life skills; knowledge of schools and systems; prevention, crisis prevention, and mental health; home, school, and community collaboration; performs job in an exemplary manner; earns respect of others; has professional memberships and leadership. ***Please see the domains of school psychology practice page for definitions and examples of these areas.***
 - Nominator and Candidate contact sheet
 - Candidate's résumé.
 - Letters of support: These should be one-page letters written by individuals knowledgeable (e.g., teachers, parents, students, colleagues, administrators) about the candidate's capabilities, professionalism, and leadership qualities. At least one letter must be from an individual in the candidate's school system. **Four letters of support should be included.**

- Essay questions to be completed by each nominee: Please limit responses to each question to 1,000 words. Include the question at the top of each response and name, question number, and page number in the header. The question does not count as part of the 1,000 word limit. Please double space and use a 10- or 12-point Courier type font.
 - Question 1: Describe one professional accomplishment specifically related to your role as a school psychologist. How has it given you your greatest satisfaction professionally and/or personally?
 - Question 2: Describe how you involve parents in the education of their children and enhance family–school partnerships at the building and/or district level.
2. All nomination materials must be **POSTMARKED BY: July 15, 2009. Please mail materials to Karen O’Brien, P.O. Box 946, Gold Beach, OR 97444.**
 3. **INCOMPLETE** nominations will not be reviewed. If the packet is missing one or more of the following documents, it will be considered incomplete: nomination statement, candidate’s resume, four letters of support, responses to essay questions 1 and 2.
 4. A confirmation of materials received will be sent to the nominator by e-mail.
 5. **Questions?** Please contact: Karen O’Brien, kobrien@harborside.com

Selection and Notification

A panel of reviewers will read and rate the materials and determine the top candidate. If there is a tie, the candidates will receive one more essay question to answer. All candidates will be informed of the outcome by letter. At this time, committee ratings are due in mid-October 2009 and the award recipient will be notified by mid-November. The other candidates and nominators will be notified by December 1, 2009.

Award Presentation

The award ceremony and reception is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the NASP Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Transportation to and from the convention, as well as lodging for two nights, is provided for the recipient. No advance public announcement or publicity should be made prior to the convention.