

## **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.

Kansas Requirements:

- At least five years of experience as a superintendent
- Member of Kansas School Superintendents Association

## **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**

Each candidate for the National Superintendent of the Year Award must first be named by their state association as the State Superintendent of the Year.

The nominator must include a letter of nomination with the application submitted online at **soy.aasa.org**.

AASA notifies the candidate of the nomination and provides instructions for submitting the application.

Candidates submit the application online through the AASA website, **soy.aasa.org**.

Completed nominations must be received online at AASA by August 1.

The deadline for completed applications for State Superintendent varies by state.

Completed nominations from **State Associations** must be received online at AASA by November 1.

Completed applications for the National Superintendent of the Year Award must be received online at AASA 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.