



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Recognition Awards Program

The New Mexico School Boards Association, in its role as the lead advocate for boards of education, annually recognizes the work of outstanding school boards and school board members. Through its board of directors the Association encourages the nomination and selection of outstanding boards and individual members for the following awards:

- New Mexico School Board of Education of the Year;
- New Mexico School Board Member of the Year;
- New Mexico School Board Hall of Fame,
- New Mexico School Board 24-Year Service Award.

In April of each year a “Call for Nominations” memo is sent to each District encouraging the submittal of nominations to the NMSBA office by early July. Candidates are voted on by the Board of Directors using official ballots issued at the annual Leaders’ Retreat held in late July of each year. Absentee ballots are available for Board of Directors not attending the Leaders’ Retreat. Recipients are announced at the banquet at the Annual State Convention in December and presented with a lovely engraved piece of Nambeware.

AWARDS

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE YEAR (2 Awards)

Large District (Greater than 1,000)

Small District (Less than 1,000)

Criteria for Judging Award

1. Active in local, region, state and national school board activities.
2. Exemplary service provided to students, staff, parents, and patrons of the school districts.
3. Significant accomplishments that have had a positive impact on the school district.
4. Level of board training attained by members.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Letter of nomination outlining the board’s accomplishments as they relate to the criteria set forth
2. Brief resume of each board member
3. Photo of the board (if available)
4. Any other supporting documents

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Criteria for Judging Award

1. Active in local, region, state and national school board activities.
2. Exemplary service provided to students, staff, parents, and patrons of the school districts.
3. Significant accomplishments that have had a positive impact on the school district.
4. Minimum of Level I – Leadership Achievement in the Leadership Development Program.
5. Other board training attended.

Supporting Documentation

1. Letter of nomination outlining the board member's accomplishments as they relate to the criteria set forth
2. Brief resume of the board member
3. Photo of the board member (if available)
4. Any other supporting nomination letters or documents

HALL OF FAME

Criteria for Judging Award

Nominees may or may not currently be serving as a local board member, but must have served at least eight exemplary years as a board member in New Mexico. Nominees must meet four of the seven items listed below:

1. Chosen Board Member of the Year
2. Former NMSBA officer (state level)
3. Former NSBA officer or committee member (national level)
4. Served as a local board officer for four years or more.
5. Served on an NMSBA committee for at least three years
6. Served as a NMSBA region officer for two years

Supporting Documentation

1. Completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form
2. Statement explaining the Nominee's other exemplary service
3. Other supporting information

Successful candidates must receive a positive vote from two-thirds majority of the voting Board of Directors. There will be a ballot for each candidate. There will be no competition among Hall of Fame nominees.

24 YEAR SERVICE

Criteria for Judging Award

1. Board Member must reach 24 years of service on a local school board.
2. Service does not necessarily need to be in consecutive years.

Supporting Documentation

1. Letter of nomination outlining the board member's accomplishments
2. Brief resume of the board member
3. Photo of the board member (if available)
4. Any other supporting documents

Successful candidates must receive a positive vote from two-thirds majority of the voting Board of Directors. There will be a ballot for each candidate. There will be no competition among 24 Year Service Award nominees.