



Missouri Association of School Administrators  
**Awards Information**

**Twenty-five Year Service Award** -- Annually, the Missouri Association of School Administrators recognizes those superintendents in Missouri who have achieved 25 years of service in administration in public schools. To qualify for the award, a current Missouri administrator must have served 25 years in the administration of schools. This service may include the principalship and administrative service in other states as well as administrative service in Missouri. The award winner must currently be a member of the Missouri Association of School Administrators.

**Honorary Life Award** -- To the extent that we can identify school administrators who are retiring, MASA will present an honorary life membership card and include each retiree's name in the Awards Program Booklet at our MASA Awards Banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. To qualify for this honor, retirees must be a member of MASA at the time of their retirement. Retirees who will present at the Awards Banquet will receive their membership cards at that time, those unable to attend will have their card mailed to them.

**Memorial Recognition** -- Annually, MASA conducts a special memorial service in honor of those school administrators who have passed away during the preceding year. We need your help in being aware of all those needing to be memorialized.

**Outstanding Emeritus Educator Awards** -- The individual to be honored shall be selected by the respective MASA district. The individual selected shall not be a PK-12 full-time educator in the state of Missouri. The selection by the district shall be final. The name of the individual to be honored shall be submitted, in writing, to the MASA office along with a biographical sketch of the individual indicating length of service, years served as an administrator, places served as an administrator, degrees earned and honorary, and other pertinent information to enable the President to make appropriate recognition. The district shall also supply a recent 3 X 5 photograph of the nominee. The individual being honored would not be eligible to be honored by the same district more than once, nor could the same individual be honored by a different district. Attention should be given for selection to such items as: length of service, participation in MASA while an active member, significant accomplishments as an active member, continued interest in public education since retiring. The Association shall present a plaque at the awards banquet and shall waive the registration fee for emeritus members attending the MASA Spring Conference. **The district making the selection is encouraged to assume the travel and housing expenses of the individual being honored.**

**MASA Friends of Education Award** -- This award will annually recognize eight non-educators, one from each of the eight MASA District, for their contribution to education locally or statewide. Each of the MASA Districts shall select a single recipient of this award annually. The recipient must currently be a non-educator (business person, parent, legislator, etc.) although they could have been an educator in the past.

Each MASA District shall submit to the MASA Office pertinent information about their recipient, which will include biographical data and a list of the person's professional accomplishments. This information must also contain a statement identifying specifically how this person has acted as a friend of education. Examples might include: Long time school volunteer, Contributor to a local educational foundation, Legislator with proven record supporting education, Local activist in support of school board and levy issues, Philanthropic donor of land or other articles to schools, or Board of Education member.

All information about each recipient must be forwarded to the MASA Office by March 1 of each calendar year. Each recipient will be honored and presented a plaque at the annual MASA Awards Banquet held as part of the annual MASA Spring Conference. **The district making the selection is encouraged to assume the travel and housing expenses of the individual being honored.**

**New Superintendent Recognition** -- An award may be given to an outstanding New Missouri Superintendent of Schools from each MASA district in recognition of outstanding performances in the demonstration of those skills that reflect the best in educational leadership. Each MASA district may nominate a candidate for the New Superintendent Recognition Award.

The nominee must

- a. Be a practicing superintendent in their second or third year of employment as a superintendent.
- b. Have never served as a superintendent of schools in another state.
- c. Made a measurable contribution to the school district they serve as a new Superintendent of Schools as verified by one or more practicing Superintendents from their MASA District.
- d. Be a member of MASA at the time of nomination.

The New Superintendent Award winners shall be honored annually at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference.

**Robert L. Pearce Award** – is to be given annually to an outstanding Missouri Superintendent of Schools and consists of a \$500 scholarship to a student in the recipients' school district and a \$500 cash award to the recipient.

The recipient must be a practicing superintendent of a public school in Missouri, have served a minimum of **five (5)** years, including the current school year, as superintendent of schools in Missouri and a minimum of **three (3)** years in the current superintendency and be a member of MASA at the time of nomination.

Each MASA District shall select a nominee for the Distinguished Pearce Award and submit to the MASA Office a prospectus of information about their nominee including: 1.) a letter of certification from the MASA District in which the nominee resides, 2.) a resume' of past experience and educational credentials of the nominee, 3.) a list of key professional accomplishments of the nominee, 4.) a photograph of the nominee.

From the nominees submitted **by March 1**, from all MASA Districts, the MASA Awards Committee shall select the statewide Distinguished Pearce Award winner. The Chairman of the MASA Awards Committee shall submit to the MASA Office by **March 15th** of each year 1) the name of the winner 2) a biography of the winner and 3) a photograph of the winner.

The Pearce Award winner shall be honored annually at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. All Pearce award nominees shall likewise be honored by the presentation of plaques at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. Nominations for the Pearce Award for the same individual shall be limited to once every three years.