

NASBE Awards - 2020

Each year, the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) recognizes distinguished leaders for their contributions to improving education for all children. Two awards are given to individuals: the “**Policy Leader of the Year Award**” or “**Friend of Education Award.**” Up to three “**Distinguished Service**” awards are given to state board members from across the country for their outstanding contributions to education. The Board of Directors may also designate a “**David A. Kysilko Award**” winner, an individual who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to NASBE values and service of state boards of education. Winners will be nationally recognized at NASBE’s Virtual Annual Conference in October 2020.

Policy Leader of the Year Award:

This award provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions to education made by national or state policymakers and education leaders. NASBE members may nominate individuals (other than members of state boards of education) who have specifically had an impact on education policy and the education system, either in their role as national policymakers and administrators, or as citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education through venues such as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations.

Friend of Education Award:

This award provides an opportunity to recognize citizens whose primary work may be outside the realm of education policy and education systems, but whose contributions to education are significant and enduring. NASBE members may nominate a person or organization (for example, individuals or organizations from the fields of business, the arts, entertainment, or sports), whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the students in our nation’s schools, to the people who work in the field of education, and to the quality of American education overall.

Distinguished Service Award(s):

This award provides an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions to education made by state board of education members from across the country. NASBE members may nominate for national recognition current or recently retired board members whose efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and the shaping of its future.

The deadline for all award submissions is August 3, 2020. Should you have any questions about either Board of Directors or award nominations, please contact **Sharon Cannon**, sharon.cannon@nasbe.org.

2020 Policy Leader of the Year Award

This award recognizes the contributions to education made by national or state policymakers and education leaders. NASBE members may nominate individuals other than members of state boards of education who have had an impact on education policy and the education system, either in their role as national policymakers and administrators, or as citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education through venues such as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations.

A nominee for Policy Leader of the Year must meet the following criteria:

- significant impact on education policy and the education system
- demonstrated ability to work effectively and reach specific goals in collaboration with other individuals
- significant nonpartisan, objective achievements in leadership for public education. This leadership may be formal or informal.

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM:
NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award 2020**

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award:

Name of Nominee:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Office:

Email address:

Nominator's Name:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Email address:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questionnaire: Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form (250 words or less per question).

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's professional career (employed and/or volunteer experience, including current activities. Resume may also be enclosed.)
2. List other civic and community work, achievements, recognitions, etc.
3. Provide a brief description of national achievements to improve American education within the last three years.
4. Describe the nominee's ability to work effectively and reach specific goals in collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies.
5. Provide examples of the nominee's achievements in nonpartisan, objective, and informal leadership for public education.
6. List specific education policies that have been instituted or influenced through leadership of the nominee.

2020 Friend of Education Award

This award provides an opportunity to recognize citizens whose primary work may be outside the realm of education policy and education systems but whose contributions to education are significant and enduring. NASBE members may nominate a person or organization (for example, individuals or organizations from the fields of business, the arts, entertainment, or sports), whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the students in our nation's schools, to the people who work in the field of education, and to the quality of American education overall.

A nominee for the Friend of Education Award must meet the following criteria:

- have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific state and/or national achievements of singular merit within the past three years
- have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes
- have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of NASBE.

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM:
NASBE Friend of Education Award 2020**

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the NASBE Friend of Education Award:

Name of Nominee:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Office:

Email address:

Nominator's Name:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Email address:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questionnaire: Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form (250 words or less per question).

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's professional career (employed/volunteer) and experience, including current activities.
2. List other civic and community work, achievements, recognitions, etc.
3. Provide a brief description of the nominee's state and/or national programs or other endeavors to improve, benefit, and support American education within the last three years.
4. Describe how the nominee's ability to work effectively and reach specific goals in collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies has benefitted his/her work on behalf of education.
5. List specific education programs and/or policies that have been instituted or influenced through the leadership and commitment of the nominee.

2020 Distinguished Service Award(s)

This award provides an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions to education made by state board of education members from across the country. NASBE members may nominate for national recognition current or recently retired board members whose efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and shaping of its future. **Up to three Distinguished Service Awards may be presented in a single year.**

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award must meet the following criteria:

- have exhibited personal and professional dedication to improving American education through specific state and/or national achievements of singular merit within the past three years
- have exemplified throughout his/her career the finest objective, informed, nonpartisan leadership on issues within his/her purview
- have demonstrated successful collaboration with other individuals, organizations, or agencies in the field of education for effective, mutually beneficial purposes
- have worked consistently to bring greater benefit to the educational experience of all students through achievements reflective of the principal purposes of NASBE.
- While not a requirement for nomination, service on a NASBE committee or the Board of Directors will be a consideration when choosing Distinguished Service Award winners.

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM:
NASBE Distinguished Service Award 2020**

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the NASBE Distinguished Service Award:

Name of Nominee:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Office:

Email address:

Nominator's Name:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Email address:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questionnaire:

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's board career.
2. List individual contributions, achievements, or recognitions resulting from membership on the State Board of Education.
3. List any service on a NASBE study group, committee, or on the Board of Directors.
4. Provide a brief description of other achievements to improve education within the state or nation.
5. List specific education policies that have been instituted or influenced through leadership of the nominee.

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM:
NASBE's David A. Kysilko Award**

I am pleased to nominate the individual listed below for the NASBE Distinguished Service Award:

Name of Nominee:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Office:

Email address:

Nominator's Name:

Organization/Title:

Address:

Telephone (home, office, and/or cell phone):

Email address:

Signature: _____

Questionnaire: Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper to accompany the official nomination form. (250 words or less per question)

1. Give a brief description of the nominee's board career.
2. List individual contributions, achievements, or recognitions resulting from membership on the State Board of Education.
3. List any service on a NASBE study group, committee, or on the Board of Directors.
4. Provide a brief description of other achievements to improve education within the state or nation.
5. List specific education policies that have been instituted or influenced through leadership of the nominee.

