

2006 SDSCA Award Nominations

Requirements and Procedures for Nominating

1. Completed SDSCA Nomination Form.
2. One page letter of recommendation by the nominator containing a brief description of the contribution for which the individual is being nominated.
3. Two letters of support for the nominee. Letters may be from administration, colleagues, parents, students, community leaders, and etc.
4. The nominee must have been an SDSCA member by July 1 of the year previous to the presentation of the award. (You can contact Kelly Duncan at sdca@cablone.net to verify membership status of nominee)

Orv Schmieding Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding service to the area of school counseling over an extended period of time. This is the top award determined by the SDSCA Governing Board. Consider these points:

1. Length of time as a school counselor.
2. Contributions to SDSCA
3. Professional contributions
4. Civic and local contributions

School Counselor of the Year Award

The purpose of the four awards is to recognize an ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH, SECONDARY, and AND MULTI-LEVEL SCHOOL COUNSELOR for outstanding service achievement. In addition to the recognition given to the recipient of the award, positive public attention is focused on school counseling and thus provides the public an opportunity to educate others about school counseling programs.

I. Eligibility for consideration:

- A. The nominee must be currently employed as a full-time counselor and have completed three consecutive years of counseling at the level of nomination.
- B. The nominee must be an SDSCA member.
- C. The nominee must hold a Master's Degree in guidance and counseling and be certified by the State of South Dakota.

II. Criteria for Recognition

- A. The nominee should possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a counselor.
- B. The nominee must have been responsible for exemplary work in counseling and guidance programs, for providing leadership in the further development of counseling and guidance programs, for demonstrating leadership in professional counseling organizations, and for performing outstanding service to the school or community.
- C. The activities or accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior to the date of presentation.

III. SDCA Conference Presentation

The four counselors recognized by this award will be encouraged to present a content session at the SDCA Conference the following year. Each year's winners will be nominated for the corresponding ASCA award the following year.

Special Award

The purpose for this award is to recognize an individual for making a significant contribution to the school counseling profession. *This award can be given to a member or non-member of SDSCA.*

Walt Flannery Award

To receive this award you must be a member of SDSCA and have been a school counselor for fifteen (15) years. If the nominee meets this criterion, please indicate this in a note, letter, or email to the Awards Chairperson. Out-of-state service can be included in the 15 years. Nominee must verify the years of service. (Self nomination for this award is preferred.)

Human Rights Award

This award was created to recognize individuals who promote human rights in the state. Nominees do not have to be members of SDSCA, but should ideally have assisted others in any of the following ways.

1. Elimination of stereotyping or discrimination based on sex, race, culture, sexual orientation, handicap or age.
2. Counseling, as a right of all students.
3. Elimination of service or program censorship.
4. Elimination of abuse and neglect.
5. Rights of a child.
6. Alcohol and drug abuse.
7. School dropouts.
8. Juvenile delinquency.
9. Cultural awareness.
10. HIV/AID.
11. Other leadership that allows human beings to live more fully and freely.

Those nominating persons for this award are asked to write a letter describing why the nominee is deserving of this award. *This nomination is sent to the SDSCA Human Rights Chair, Jessica Paulsen 1506 S.*

Discovery Ave, Sioux Falls SD 57106. Send nominations by March 15, 2006.

2006 South Dakota School Counselor Awards Nomination Form

Packet must be **POSTMARKED** by **March 15, 2006**.

Nominee _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

School _____

School Address _____

Work Phone _____

Preferred E-mail _____

Fax # _____

Award Category (Please choose only one)

Please choose the appropriate area for Counselor of the Year

_____ Elementary Counselor

_____ Middle/Jr. High Counselor

_____ Secondary Counselor

_____ Multilevel School Counselor

Please choose the appropriate area for Other Awards

_____ Orv Schmieding Award

_____ Special Award

_____ Human Rights Award – send to Human Rights Chair

Please note: With the exception of Special Award and Human Rights Award, all others must be current members of SDSCA, working within the designated grade level.

Nominated by: _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

School _____

School Address _____

Work Phone _____

Preferred E-mail _____

Fax # _____

Send nominations to:

Beth E. Schroeder, President-Elect SDSCA

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