ARTICLE VII - Awards

Section 1. Outstanding School Superintendent Award: Yearly, the SDSSA Executive Committee shall select one of its members as the Outstanding South Dakota School Superintendent for that previous year. The award shall be in the form of a suitably engraved plaque which shall remain the property of the person so chosen to receive

the award.

a. Selection Criteria: Appendix A

Section 2. Distinguished Service Award: The SDSSA Executive Committee has instituted a Distinguished Service Award to honor retired or retiring superintendents who have exhibited exemplary leadership ability and who have enhanced the school Superintendency in South Dakota. The award shall be in the form of a suitably engraved plaque which shall remain the property of the person so chosen to receive

the award.

1. Selection Criteria: Appendix B

Section 3         Innovator Award: The SDSSA Executive Board has instituted an “Innovator of the Year” Award to honor a superintendent who has exhibited exemplary leadership ability in creating new programs or concepts that have a positive impact on staff development, recruitment, or retention; or creating new programming that directly impacts student learning, student achievement, or student educational experiences.

1. Selection Criteria: Appendix B

Section 4         Rookie of the Year Award: The SDSSA Executive Board has instituted an “Rookie of the Year” Award to honor a superintendent in their first three years in the profession who has exhibited exemplary leadership ability in making a difference in their school district through new programs or concepts that have a positive impact on the dynamics of the district.

1. Selection Criteria: Appendix B

Section 5         Community Leader of the Year Award: The SDSSA Executive Board has instituted an “Community Leader” Award to honor a superintendent who has made an investment in his/her community above and beyond the scope of the school district responsibilities.

1. Selection Criteria: Appendix B

**APPENDIX A**

**Selection Criteria for Outstanding School Superintendent Award**

* 1. Every member of the South Dakota School Superintendents Association shall be eligible for nomination.
  2. Rating the nominations shall be based on the same criteria as stated in the nomination form for the national award.
  3. Nominations and Applications may be submitted directly to the secretary of SDSSA or through a regional district committee of the SDSSA. All nominations shall be in writing and shall include the nominee’s professional activities in the areas of criteria used for selection for the national award.
  4. Nominations shall be in the hands of the secretary of SDSSA prior to March 1st of the year of the selection.
  5. Executive board members who will be reviewing application will receive copies of completed application prior to the April board meeting to review and rank. The attached rating scale will be used when reviewing applications. Applications will be kept confidential.
  6. The winner will be chosen by the Executive Board.  Executive Board members who are nominated must exempt themselves from the selection process and they may not vote on any recommendations in this regard.
  7. The Outstanding School Superintendent Award will be presented to the recipient during the annual summer conference each year.
  8. The secretary of SDSSA shall forward the name of the award winner to the executive director of the School Administrators of South Dakota by July 1st.

1. The chosen superintendent is required to complete and submit the application for consideration for the National Award.
   1. Applications will stay in the pool for three years. Candidates will be given an opportunity to update their application each year they are in the pool.

**OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AWARD**

*Basic Data Sheet*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years in Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total Years in Education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

Dates Institution and Location

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Dates Position Institution and Location

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING MATERIALS FOR THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AWARD**

*Typed materials, single spaced, are preferred. Neat handwriting is acceptable.  
We ask that material assembled be placed into one packet or folder.*

MATERIAL SHOULD BE ORGANIZED INTO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS AND ORDER:

1. Identification and Preliminary Information: We ask that you use the attached basic data sheet to give the Selection Committee the important facts which they need before reviewing the entire presentation.
2. The following selection criteria (based on the AASA National Superintendent of the Year) will be used for all SD SOY applicants and will include the following:
3. **Leadership for Learning**—creativity in successfully meeting the needs of students in his or her school system;
4. **Communication**—strength in both personal and organizational communication;
5. **Professionalism**—constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing professional development opportunities and motivation to others on the education team; and
6. **Community Involvement**—active participation in local community activities and an understading of regional, national, and international issues.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR PACKET TO:** Jennifer Lowery, Superintendent

Tea Area School District

131 N Poplar Ave

Tea, SD 57064

**ALL PACKETS MUST ARRIVE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1.**

**Superintendent Awards**

* Completed nomination form must be received by the secretary of SDSSA prior to March 1st of the year of the selection.
* Awards will follow the same procedure as listed in the Superintendent of the Year – Appendix A.

Choose an award category.

\_\_\_\_ **Distinguished Service Award:**

Is to honor retired or retiring superintendents who have exhibited exemplary leadership ability and who have enhanced the school Superintendency in South Dakota. The award shall be in the form of a suitably engraved plaque which shall remain the property of the person so chosen to receive

the award.

\_\_\_\_ **Innovator Award**:

Is to honor a superintendent who has exhibited exemplary leadership ability in creating new programs or concepts that have a positive impact on staff development, recruitment, or retention; or creating new programming that directly impacts student learning, student achievement, or student educational experiences.

\_\_\_\_**Rookie of the Year Award:**

Is to honor a superintendent in their first three years in the profession who has exhibited exemplary leadership ability in making a difference in their school district through new programs or concepts that have a positive impact on the dynamics of the district.

\_\_\_\_**Community Leader of the Year Award**:

Is to honor a superintendent who has made an investment in his/her community above and beyond the scope of the school district responsibilities.

**Nominated By:**

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| School Site &  District : |  | |
| Name: |  | |
| Title: |  | |
| Phone: |  | |
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| **Nominee Information:** | |  |
| Name of Nominee |  | |
| District |  | |
| Phone: |  | |
| Email: |  | |

**Reason for nomination:** *Please refer to the Selection Criteria Above.*