

Let's honor those who dedicate time and effort to their local public school and public education in South Dakota!

ASBSD encourages your district to nominate a board member, an individual, group or organization or your public school board for a 2025 ASBSD Award, which include: [Outstanding School Board Member of the Year](#), [Community Service Award](#) or [School Board Award of Excellence](#),

"South Dakota's public school boards and their members, as well as their local district's community members, put forth a great deal of hard work to ensure their school district continues to provide great education and service to their students, staff members and communities," ASBSD Executive Director Heath Larson said.

"We want to commend their efforts by honoring them with one of our awards and encourage you to nominate these very deserving individuals, boards and organizations."



[ASBSD School Board Award of Excellence:](#) The School Board Award of Excellence is given annually to a public school board that consistently demonstrates outstanding leadership that enhances the achievement for all students. A plaque and a scholarship award of \$1,000, which may be used, at the discretion of the board, will be presented to the recipient.

Download the [application here](#) or visit the [Documents page](#) where the application can be found under the Awards heading.



[Outstanding School Board Member:](#) Nominate a local board member who exemplifies extraordinary leadership of public education by implementing initiatives that spur student achievement, advocating

for secure funding sources for K-12 education and setting high expectations for the district and themselves among other high-quality characteristics.

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ASBSD Community Service Award: is presented to individuals or groups serving their local school district in exemplary fashion. Award nominees have shown personal involvement to improve the quality of South Dakota public education.

Download the [application here](#) or visit the [Documents page](#) where the application can be found under the Awards heading.

The deadline for application and name submission for each award is **Friday, June 27**. Applications for each award should be submitted to ASBSD Executive Secretary Katie Mitchell-Boe by mail to: PO Box 1059, Pierre, SD 57501 or by email to: katie@asbsd.org.

ASBSD will recognize local school board members for specific years of service on their local school board with the Distinguished Service Award. Board members entering their 6th, 10th, 15th, 20th and each five years thereafter in the 2025-26 school year will be honored. ASBSD will contact board members who will be honored in the near future.



Award recipients will be honored at the [2025 ASBSD-SASD Convention](#) in Sioux Falls on August 7.

If you have questions, please contact Katie via email at katie@asbsd.org or by phone at 605-773-2502.