



GASSP

Award Application

2018 NASSP National Principal of the Year Award

The NASSP National Principal of the Year program annually recognizes outstanding school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession.

The program honors school principals who have demonstrated excellence in the areas addressed by the listed selection criteria below.

Eligibility

- This program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, front-line principals. Current members, family members, or the staff of the NASSP Board of Directors or State Executive Directors are ineligible.
- NASSP must be notified immediately of any change in principalship status. Failure to notify NASSP could jeopardize a candidate's eligibility for the national award.
- Any principal, headmaster, or leader of a virtual, public, or private middle level or high school from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, or the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools is eligible to be a national principal of the year candidate. Middle level and high schools are defined as those containing some portion of grades 6 through 12.
- Applicants must have served as a principal at one or more middle level or high schools for three or more consecutive school years.
- Candidates must complete the online 2018 NASSP National Principal of the Year application.
- Each candidate must be a principal, headmaster, or leader at a middle level or high school and a member of GASSP/NASSP and his or her state affiliate association at the time of selection or tenure as state principal of the year. For national finalists, these conditions must also be met at the time of national principal of the year interviews, when the national winner is announced, and during tenure.
- Previous national winner(s) are ineligible to reapply for the award.

Selection Criteria

Personal Excellence

- Models continuous professional growth
- Interacts with others professionally and tactfully
- Communicates effectively in speaking and writing
- Models values, beliefs, and attitudes that encourage others to higher levels of performance
- Demonstrates commitment to NASSP and its programs through continuous membership and participation in the following:
 - National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) through national and state affiliate involvement (i.e., conference presentations, etc.)
 - National Honor Society (NHS), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), and/or National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) chapter(s) that actively supports achievement and works to improve the academic culture in the school
 - National Association of Student Councils (NASC) affiliation with active community and school involvement projects.

Collaborative Leadership

- Involves teachers, staff members, parents, students, and the community in creating and fostering a shared vision for the school
- Leads collaboratively to promote ownership among staff, students, parents, and community members for school efforts and outcomes
- Creates a culture of collaboration in which staff members work together as a professional learning community to promote student learning.
- Teaches, coaches, and supports the development of potential and current school leaders
- Utilizes available technology tools for school management, operation, instruction, and assessment, fostering collaboration and communication to effectively address issues in the school community and meet the unique learning needs of each student.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Improves teaching, learning, and assessment by implementing practices, programs, and improvement efforts on the basis of multiple sources of data
- Leads efforts in curriculum alignment and identification of essential learning at each level
- Observes, supervises, and evaluates teachers and instructional programs to maximize the learning opportunities for every teacher and for each student
- Demonstrates knowledge of learning, teaching, assessment practices, research, and programs that maximize student performance
- Facilitates in developing and maintaining co-curricular programs that complement the curriculum while fostering students' academic and social success
- Ensures that each student has the best possible opportunity of realizing success by providing a personalized plan that evaluates individual learner needs in relation to learning time, setting, methods, and course sequence
- Provides enrichment and support for both students and teachers in meeting high standards.

Personalization

- Establishes and maintains a school environment that reflects high expectations for students and staff
- Creates a school climate that is warm, inviting, safe, and secure
- Organizes the school so that all social, economic, and racial/ethnic groups have equal access to all school programs and provides the support needed for student success
- Creates structures that promote positive relationships between adults and students and ensures that each student is well-known by at least one staff member
- Acknowledges the accomplishments of students, teachers, and school community members.

Application Deadline

December 11, 2017

Email your application to m.callahan@gassp.org

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School Social Media Presence: (List links for any that apply.)

☒Facebook: _____ ☒Twitter @ _____

☒YouTube: _____ ☒SchoolTube Channel: _____

☒Other: _____

Professional Social Media Presence: (List links for any that apply.)

☒Facebook: _____ ☒Twitter @ _____

☒LinkedIn: _____ ☒Blog: _____

☒Other: _____

About Your District

School District Information:

School district name: _____

Superintendent name: _____

Superintendent e-mail: _____

Assistant to superintendent: _____

Assistant e-mail: _____

School district address: _____

School district address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School district phone: _____ School district website: _____

School Profile

School Demographics:

Grades: _____ Total student enrollment: _____

Number of assistant school administrators: _____ Number of teachers: _____

Number of all other staff: _____

My school is (check one): Urban Suburban Rural

_____ % of students in school classified as special education students

_____ % of students in school classified as ELL or limited-English proficiency students

_____ % Students on free/reduced-price lunches

_____ % School attendance

_____ % Graduation/promotion rate

School Profile (continued)

Approximate gender composition in your school

_____ % Males
 _____ % Females

Approximate racial and ethnic composition of the students in your school

Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____
 _____ % American Indian or Alaska Native _____ % Hispanic or Latino
 _____ % Asian _____ % Not Hispanic or Latino
 _____ % Black or African American
 _____ % Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 _____ % White
 _____ % Other

Complete the table utilizing state assessment data. Please report data by applicable school subgroups.

	% Proficient + Advanced	% Proficient + Advanced	% Proficient + Advanced
Reading/ELA	SY 2014-15	SY 2015-16	SY 2016-17
List major ethnic or racial subgroups:			
Students by gender:			
Male			
Female			
Students with disabilities			
ELL/Limited English proficiency			
Economically disadvantaged			
Mathematics	SY 2014-15	SY 2015-16	SY 2016-17
List major ethnic or racial subgroups:			
Students by gender:			
Male			
Female			
Students with disabilities			
ELL/Limited English proficiency			
Economically disadvantaged			

Professional Growth

Please check the following state affiliate offerings in which you have participated in the last three years:

State conference

Advocacy efforts

Professional development

Others: _____

Please check the following NASSP offerings in which you have participated in the last three years:

NASSP conference (Ignite)

Advocacy efforts

Professional development

Others: _____

For each of the following, please list a maximum of five examples most pertinent and relevant to your professional growth.

Institution	Degree	Date earned
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(list the highest degree earned)

(without abbreviations)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Memberships and offices held in professional organizations (include state and national association years)

Memberships, offices, and activities in the community

Awards and honors

Date earned

Publications and presentations

Date occurred

Other services to the profession

Start date

End date

Professional Practice

Reflect on your leadership practices at school. Use multiple categories from the Selection Criteria and share examples of how you have used your skills to accomplish each of the following (maximum length 400 words for each response).

1. Every school has a distinctive climate and culture. Tell us your school's story. What do reviewers need to know to understand the context in which you lead?
2. How has your leadership style influenced student achievement over time? How have you involved staff, students, and the community in developing programs that give equal access, close the achievement gap among student subgroups, and ensure that each student is college and career ready? Identify statistical evidence to support your statements from the local school data you have provided in this application.
3. **Studies have shown that principal leadership is second only to strong instruction in assuring positive student performance. What behaviors have you engaged in that increase your capacity as an instructional leader and how have you influenced the behaviors of others who are aspiring to lead in your school? Please include references to outcomes for students that you attribute to these behaviors.**

Acknowledgment of Terms

I have read and understand the rules outlined in this application and certify that the essay responses submitted are my own work. I agree to abide by these rules and I grant NASSP the authority, after adequate notification, to publish in part or whole any information contained in this application and to use my name and likeness for publicity and other promotional purposes related to the program.

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Principal's Certification Form

(Must be completed by district superintendent)

The purpose of this form is to advise the principal's superintendent that has been nominated and is applying for the GASSP/NASSP National Principal of the Year award. It also indicates that the superintendent understands the following obligations, opportunities, and responsibilities inherent in acceptance of the award.

- Publicity as a state principal of the year may generate occasional opportunities for speaking engagements at the state level as well as requests to visit the principal's school.
- The state principals of the year will attend and participate in the Principals Institute and recognition event, in September, 2017 in Washington, DC.

NASSP is responsible for Institute costs, hotel accommodations (for three nights), and meals during Institute hours for state winners. NASSP is not responsible for travel expenses for state winners. Travel and incidental expenses for state winners are the responsibility of the state principal of the year, the honoree's school or school district, or the state association. Incidental expenses, as well as travel, some meals, and entertainment for a spouse or guest of the principal, will be the responsibility of the state principal of the year.

- Finalists for the national principal of the year will travel to Washington, DC, for interviews in September 2015. Expenses for the principal, excluding incidentals, will be paid for by NASSP.
- Designated state principals of the year, national finalists, and the NASSP National Principal of the Year who are NASSP and state affiliate members may receive limited requests to represent NASSP at events, on committees, and/or as professional development specialists through December 2017. Travel costs are borne in most instances by NASSP or the sponsoring party.
- Continued NASSP and state affiliate membership is required, at least through December 2017.
- The NASSP National Principal of the Year and five finalists will attend one NASSP professional development conference or training in 2017. Registration, hotel accommodations (excluding incidentals), and travel will be paid for by NASSP.
- My signature certifies that I endorse and acknowledge the nomination of competing for the state and the national principal of the year awards.

Principal signature _____

Superintendent signature

Date _____

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