

UASP AWARDS

Each year the Utah Association of School Psychologists honors those who have made an outstanding contribution to the goals and standards of our profession through our annual awards program. Outlined below are the rules and procedures for making nominations and for determining winners.

RULES

1. Nominations must be for a specific award
2. Nomination materials must be typed
3. Nomination packets are different for the different awards but may include:
 - completed nomination form
 - one page nomination statement
 - one to three letters of support written by individuals knowledgeable about the candidate's capabilities
 - candidate's statement
 - candidate's vita

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the lifetime achievement award is to identify and recognize an outstanding school psychologist who has had state level impact on the field of school psychology and who has dedicated his or her professional life to the development and betterment of school psychology.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- "professional lifetime" or at least 20 years of direct service to children, schools, and families
- current member of UASP or a long standing regular member of UASP during their professional career
- demonstrated service to the profession through training, teaching, developing curriculum, or advocacy that contributed to the knowledge base of the field
- adhered to the professional and ethical standards of UASP throughout career

PROCEDURES

This award is the responsibility of the awards committee and is one that could be sent to NASP for national recognition. Nomination packet should include:

- *completed nomination form*
- *one page nomination statement*
- *one to three letters of support written by individuals knowledgeable about the candidate's capabilities*
- *candidate's statement*
- *candidate's vita*

BARBARA BENNETT EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AWARD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Barbara Bennett Excellence in Diversity Award is to identify and recognize an outstanding school psychologist who has provided leadership and advocacy for the treatment of diverse populations with respect within the field of school psychology.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- regular UASP member in good standing
- adhered to the professional and ethical standards of UASP throughout career
- demonstrated leadership in raising issues of diversity
- promoted diversity awareness through example and mentoring of professionals and students
- utilized practices that insure diverse populations are treated respectfully

PROCEDURES

This award is the responsibility of the awards committee. Nomination packet should include:

- *completed nomination form*
- *one page nomination statement*
- *one to three letters of support written by individuals knowledgeable about the candidate's capabilities*

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the School Psychologist of the Year Award is to identify and recognize an outstanding school psychologist and to promote public awareness of the profession.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- UASP member in good standing
- Licensed to practice school psychology by USOE
- Currently practicing in the field of school psychology
- Provided a range of school psychological services (consultation, behavior management, assessment, group training, . . .)
- Has respect of fellow workers, students, and/or parents as is evident in letters of support
- Adhered to the professional standards and ethics of UASP throughout career

PROCEDURES

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- *one page nomination statement*
- *one to three letters of support written by individuals knowledgeable about the candidate's capabilities*
- *candidate's statement*
- *candidate's vita*

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

PURPOSE

The purpose of the School Psychology Student of the Year award is to identify and recognize an outstanding school psychology student and to promote public awareness of the profession.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- UASP student member in good standing
- Current student in school psychology
- NOT a certified school psychologist
- Outstanding academic achievement and leadership
- Demonstrated participation in UASP activities

PROCEDURES

This award is the responsibility of the awards committee. The following are suggestions for how the committee should determine the winner of this award.

- Send early notice to trainers throughout the state to nominate a student from their program for the award
- *No formal nomination packet is required, but trainer or their representative making the nomination should be prepared to present the nominee to the Board and complete the Nomination Form*

AWARDS NOMINATION

This form is needed for the following nominations. Please check the award this candidate is being nominated for.

- _____ School Psychologist of the Year Award
- _____ Lifetime Achievement Award
- _____ Distinguished Service Award
- _____ Barbara Bennett Excellence in Diversity Award
- _____ School Psychology Student of the Year Award
- _____ Outstanding Service to Children and Families

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Job Title (if applicable) _____

Employer (if applicable) _____

Brief Job Description (if applicable) _____

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Signature

Date

AWARDS NOMINATION

This form is needed for the following nominations. Please check the award this candidate is being nominated for.

- _____ School Psychologist of the Year Award
- _____ Lifetime Achievement Award

Candidate Statement

Describe a pressing issue facing the profession of school psychology and discuss how UASP could address this issue. Your response must be typed and limited to two pages—this one and an additional sheet. Statements must be signed and returned along with the nomination packet.