

Student Recognition Program

Annual award to recognize students from across the state who have distinguished themselves in academics, community leadership and engagement. Awards will be given in each of the nine districts at Fall District Meeting. The nine district winners will be asked to write a 1,000 word essay and will be interviewed in Nashville during the pre-convention leadership conference. The statewide winner will be recognized at the annual convention with a \$2,000 scholarship. Applications must be made on an official TSBA form by superintendents, school board members or district directors and applicants must be a 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student in a public school in TN.

Criteria

- Academic Achievements
- Community Leadership
- Engagement Activities

Deadline: June 1

School Volunteer Recognition

Annual award to recognize school district volunteers who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating exceptional commitment to volunteerism in a local school district. Awards will be given in each of the nine districts at Fall District Meeting. The statewide winner will be recognized at the annual convention with a \$1,000 grant. Applications shall be made on an official TSBA form and by majority action of any member board of education.

Criteria

- Has made an outstanding contribution and commitment to a TN school district through volunteer service
- Has exhibited exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service
- Has engaged in the creation, organization, and/or mobilization of volunteers, groups and resources that are involved in projects benefiting the school district

Deadline: May 1



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Visit www.tsba.net for additional award details and applications.

Award Programs

School Board of the Year

Each year TSBA honors a school board for excellent service. The superintendent, school administrator(s), board secretary, parent-teacher association or organization, a member of the board-appointed committee, may make nominations.

Criteria

- Must have met all the standards to be a TSBA Board of Distinction
- Policy (developing, application, monitoring)
- Long-range planning
- Board efforts to promote quality education including involvement with the legislature, congress, city/county commission, State Board of Education, community and staff
- Board development activities (including boardsmanship award levels for each member)
- Relationship with media

Deadline: September 30

Boardsmanship Awards

To encourage professional growth of school board members, TSBA offers certified board member awards and a master board member award to board members who invest their time and effort into becoming more informed and more effective school board members. The award is given for participation in activities outside of local school board obligations. There are five levels of recognition, and Levels I through IV are recognized during Fall District Meetings and those receiving Level V, Master Board Member, are recognized at the annual TSBA Convention held each November.

Scholar's Circle

The Scholar's Circle recognizes those school board members having attained 900 or more boardsmanship points in the TSBA Boardsmanship Award Program. This award is presented at the annual convention.

All Tennessee School Board

During the annual convention, TSBA recognizes five to seven outstanding school board members as members of the All Tennessee School Board. Members of the board are selected by a panel of judges from nominations made by superintendents, school board members, district directors or TSBA staff.

Criteria

- Must have achieved Level IV boardsmanship award
- Quality of service with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Participation in board development activities with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board
- Leadership activities at the local, regional or state level

Deadline: September 30

C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award/School Board Member of the Year

The nominees for all Tennessee School Board receiving the highest collective ranking by the judges is the recipient of the C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award and serves as chairman of the All Tennessee School Board.

Criteria

- Must have earned at least Level IV in the boardsmanship program
- Quality of Service
- Participation in Board Development activities
- Leadership activities at the local, regional and state levels

Deadline: September 30

Board of Distinction

For years, TSBA has offered programs to recognize individual school board member accomplishments. It's also important to recognize outstanding performance by a school board as a whole. TSBA's Board of Distinction Program recognizes boards for their work. School boards that seek this designation must meet specified requirements in four key areas: planning, policy, promotion and board development. Upon completion of the items on the Board of Distinction checklist, they may choose to purchase a plaque, designating the board as a Board of Distinction. Board of Distinction status is for two years, after which time the board may reapply for continued status.

Award for Excellence in Education Programs

Each year TSBA offers an award to a board of education which has an outstanding program operating within their district. This award shall be presented at the annual convention. Nominations may be submitted by members of the TSBA board of directors, by the school board itself, superintendent, school board member, or representative of the school district.

Criteria

- Uniqueness
- Involvement of the community
- Adaptability
- Evidence of success

Deadline: August 15

School of the Year

Annually, TSBA recognizes architectural firms for their excellence in design. In accordance with TSBA's policy, any school building that was or will be occupied before November 1 of the current year or three years prior to November 1 of the current year is eligible for the award. School of the Year awards are granted in five categories including new school construction of elementary, middle and high schools, renovation and the People's Choice award, which is selected by the attendees of the exhibit hall during convention. School architects must receive approval from the local board of education and submit an entry form with the appropriate fee. Awards are presented to both the architectural firm and the local board.

Deadline: September 30