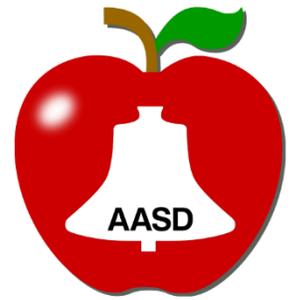


Appleton Area School District's Educator of the Year Awards

Funded by the Mielke Family Foundation



Program Description

The Educator of the Year awards have as their purpose the recognition of outstanding contributions to the education program of the Appleton Area School District by a teacher or professional educator from each of the levels, elementary (K-6) and secondary level (7 - 12). An ancillary purpose, though equally important, is to increase community awareness of the achievements and accomplishments of the public schools, thus heightening respect for the teaching profession as a whole.

The Awards

There will be one award granted in each category, elementary and secondary, in August of each school year. The winners will be presented their awards at the gathering of all staff members for the beginning of the school year activities and in-service or another such suitable occasion, preferably not in conjunction with other award ceremonies or graduation exercises.

Each entrant will receive a certificate of recognition and each winner will receive a plaque and an unrestricted cash award of one thousand dollars.

While it is planned to renew these awards yearly, the Mielke Family Foundation may, with proper notice, terminate their sponsorship at any time.

Considerations for Selection

Nominees will be judged primarily on the significance of their contribution to the well-being of the educational community, and on the impact of their contributions upon others. Considerations of the selection committee will include:

1. Has the nominee provided unique service or achieved above and beyond what is expected in the usual school assignment?
2. In what ways has the nominee beneficially affected each or any of the following areas: curriculum, staff morale, community relations, student interest, or individual or group achievements?
3. What positive changes have resulted from the nominee's instructional leadership?
4. Are there specific achievements or accomplishments of students that can be traced to the nominee's influence?
5. Will the nomination be concurred by representatives of other school and community groups?