

PEARCE AWARD CRITERIA

The Pearce Award is to be given to an outstanding Missouri Superintendent of Schools consists of a \$500 scholarship to a student in the recipients' school district and a \$500 cash award to the recipient.

The recipient must be a practicing superintendent of a public school in Missouri, have served a minimum of five (5) years, including the current school year, as superintendent of schools in Missouri and a minimum of three (3) years in the current superintendency and be a member of MASA at the time of nomination.

Each MASA District shall select a nominee for the Distinguished Pearce Award and submit to the MASA Office a prospectus of information about their nominee including: 1.) a letter of nomination from the MASA District in which the nominee resides, 2.) a resume' of past experience and educational credentials of the nominee, 3.) a list of key professional accomplishments of the nominee, 4.) a photograph of the nominee.

From the nominees submitted by January 14, from all MASA Districts, the MASA Awards Committee shall select the statewide Distinguished Pearce Award winner. The Chairman of the MASA Awards Committee shall submit to the MASA Office 1) the name of the winner 2) a biography of the winner and 3) a photograph of the winner.

The Distinguished Pearce Award winner shall be honored annually at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. All Pearce award nominees shall likewise be honored by the presentation of plaques at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. Nominations for the Pearce Award for the same individual shall be limited to once every three years and shall not be the current Superintendent of the Year recipient.