VSCA Professional Recognition Awards Guide

The Virginia School Counselor Association would like to recognize the outstanding and exemplary works of dedicated professionals who work as school counselors and administrators that support the school counseling profession. The VSCA Board of Directors also recognizes outstanding individuals for graduate students. Each year at the annual conference, awards will be given to those nominees who best exhibit the implementation of the ASCA National model and show evidence of a comprehensive school counseling program, which involves stakeholders within the school, community and the profession. The awards ceremony is held during Awards Luncheon on the last day of the conference. This year’s conference is scheduled for October 21-23 2020.

School Counselor of the Year - Directions for the Nominator

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Nominations due by March 20, 2020

School Counselor of the Year - Directions for the Nominee

Once you have received notification that you have been nominated for SCOY, please visit ASCA Online Forum at http://va.schoolcounselorawards.org/scoy and click on “Apply Today.” Follow the online directions to complete the application process. Please include a professional quality photograph in your application.

During the application process, you will need the following information:

- Number of students at your school
- Number of students in district
- Number of staff at school
- Number of school counselors
- Percentage of special education students
- Percentage of students on free or reduced lunch
- Percentage of students who are Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American, White, and Other
- Your resume as a Word document or PDF
  - Must include name, current position, school name, years at current school, education, professional experience, leadership experience, memberships, awards/certifications/publications
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from an immediate or direct supervisor
- (maximum of two pages each ) Only three letters of recommendation will be scored even if more than three are submitted.
Application questions you should be prepared to answer:

- Give examples of ways you have advocated for the profession throughout your career.
- What were two or three of your school counseling program goals last year, and how did you address them? Use data to show your progress in meeting these goals.
- Give an example of a particularly effective collaborative effort you spearheaded with a stakeholder population (administrators, faculty, parents and/or the community).
- What types of professional development opportunities have you participated in throughout your career, and how was this contributed to your continual learning?
- How does your comprehensive school counseling program use advocacy, leadership, systemic change and collaboration to make a difference for students?

Leadership Award - Directions for the Nominator

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Applications must be submitted by March 20, 2020.

The VSCA School Counselor of the Year portal will close on March 20, 2020 at midnight.

NOTE: VSCA is not required to grant an award if there are fewer than three (3) nominees in any category. All applications must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Award Winners will be notified by April 20, 2020

Awards will be presented at the VSCA Fall Conference on October 21-23, 2020 during the Awards Luncheon. For more information, contact the Awards Chair, at ktwallace83@gmail.com.