

**Policy Statement:**

The AASL Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual member of the library profession who has, over a significant period of time, made an outstanding national contribution to school librarianship and school library development.

**Focus:** Members

**Purpose:** To outline the process for submission of nominees and selection of the AASL Distinguished Service Award recipient.

**Procedure:**

1. The applicant (nominator) must be an AASL personal member.
2. Current AASL Directors and Board members are ineligible for nomination.
3. Individuals nominated should have demonstrated achievements in one of more of the following areas:

Service and visionary leadership to the organized profession through AASL and related organizations

Significant and influential research on school library programs

Publication of a body of scholarly and/or theoretical writing contributing to school library development

the Awards Committee Chair and AASL President.

10. AASL Headquarters will prepare the award, which includes:

Press release

Plaque inscribed with recipient's name

Recognition in Awards Ceremony material

Recognition in *Knowledge Quest* and *Hotlinks*

11. Award sponsorships are set for automatic renewal. AASL must be notified in advance if an award will no longer be supported the following year by the current sponsor. The deadline for notification is May 1.