



NYSSCA School Counselor of the Year

The purpose of the NYSSCA school counselor of the year award is to recognize an elementary, middle/junior high, secondary or multilevel (PreK-12) counselor for outstanding service and achievement.

Eligibility for Consideration:

The nominee must be currently employed as a full-time counselor and have completed at least three consecutive years of counseling service.

The nominee must be a current member of NYSSCA.

The nominee must hold a master's degree or equivalent in guidance and counseling and be certified as a counselor in New York State.

Recognition Criteria:

The nominee should maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and recognize that his/her personal conduct is held up to public scrutiny. Nominees should strive to be model citizens of their community, as well as the school counseling community, and to their broader professional community. They maintain high moral standards in their personal and professional conduct.

Nominees must demonstrate awareness and knowledge of the New York State Comprehensive Model and have been responsible for school counseling innovations or further development of programs aligning with the New York State Comprehensive Model to support the career, personal/social and academic development of all students. Nominees must demonstrate leadership, advocacy and collaboration in their work and promote equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students to maximize student achievement. Nominees must also demonstrate collaboration with stakeholders.

The activities or accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior to the date of presentation.

Official NYSSCA nomination form must be stapled as the cover for each packet. ***This is the only acceptable cover page.***

All award materials must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2011.