**Arkansas School Psychology Association Call for Award Nominations**

Each year at the ASPA Fall Conference, the Nominations, Elections, and Awards Committee has the opportunity to recognize the contributions of individuals and programs that promote the well-being of children and advance the field of School Psychology in Arkansas. The success of the ASPA Awards Program has been the result of the nominations made by ASPA members over the years. We need your help in continuing this tradition of honoring outstanding School Psychology Specialists and services through your nominations in the following categories:

* The **School Psychology Specialist of the Year** award honors an Arkansas School Psychology Specialist who best demonstrates professional responsibility, growth, and leadership. Must have five years of School Psychology experience.  *Individuals with less than five years of experience are eligible for the Rookie of the Year award, see below*.
* The **Administrator of the Year** award honors a district administrator who supports the professional practice of School Psychology.  Please keep in mind that while this includes your Special Education Supervisor, it can include other administrators such as Superintendents, Principals and Assistant Principals.
* The **Outstanding Service Delivery in the Practice of School Psychology** award honors a School Psychology department in a district or cooperative that demonstrates a high level of sustained excellence in developing traditional or non-traditional programs of school psychology service delivery to meet the varied needs of their students.
* **Rookie of the Year** is an award created to recognize an outstanding school psychology specialist who is new to the field. This individual should be a school psychology specialist who stands out from the crowd and has been in the field less than 5 years.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: August 31.  Email your nomination to ASPA.awards1@gmail.com

**Nomination Process**

Nomination materials should be in a 10- or 12-point font for easy reading by the reviewers and include the following.

1. **Nomination Statement**

In **no more than two pages,** describe why the candidate should be considered for the award. Give specific examples in any of the following areas: data-based decision making; consultation and collaboration; interventions and instructional support to develop academic skills; interventions and mental health support to develop social and life skills; school-wide practices to promote learning; prevention, crisis prevention and mental health; family-school and community collaboration; diversity in development and learning; research and program evaluation; legal, ethical and professional behavior; performs job in an exemplary manner; earns respect of others; professional memberships and leadership activities.

**2. Three to Four Letters of Support**

These should be **no more than two pages in length** and should be written by individuals knowledgeable (e.g., teachers, parents, students, colleagues, administrators, etc.) about the candidate's capabilities, professionalism and ethical behavior, interpersonal skills, and leadership qualities. At least one letter must be from an individual in the candidate's school system. No more than four (4) letters of support should be submitted.

All nomination materials must be submitted electronically by August 31, 2019. Please email all materials to Jennifer Zuniga Jackson (ASPA.awards1@gmail.com)

1 ). A confirmation of receipt will be emailed to the nominator.

Questions or difficulties with submission of nomination materials? Please contact Mrs. Jackson.

**SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION**

A panel of reviewers will read and rate the materials and determine the top candidate. Nominators will be informed of the outcome by email.

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

The award ceremony and reception will be held at the ASPA Fall Conference. Nominators will be notified of specific dates and times prior to the award distribution.

Thank you for recognizing outstanding School Psychology services in Arkansas.