



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of the *Educator of the Year Award* is to recognize two educators, one elementary and one secondary teacher, from PARSS member districts who make a positive and continuous impact on public education in their rural/small school districts and community. Individuals worthy of consideration should be:

- student centered educators who are actively involved in all aspects of school life;
- educators/leaders who use their time and talent to promote school district initiatives;
- persons of character who serve as role models for compassion and philanthropy.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

PARSS member districts are eligible to nominate two individuals per year: one elementary educator (K-6) and one secondary educator (7-12). The one-page narrative must include the name of the individual, the district in which they are employed, and evidence to support their candidacy as described in the paragraphs above. The Recognition Committee strongly recommends the use of quotes from individuals the person has impacted (students, parents, colleagues, administrators, school board members, etc.) so they may better understand the candidate's positive and continuous impact in their rural school district.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

Applications are due to Dr. Ed Albert, Executive Director at ealbert@parss.org no later than **FEBRUARY 1st**. The Recognition Committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the PARSS Board of Directors before February 15.

RECOGNITION OF THE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

The *Educator of the Year Award* recipients will be recognized at the annual PARSS meeting in April. The individuals will receive a certificate of achievement and a monetary award of \$1000.00 (each) to support a project in their school districts.

Guidelines Established September 2017; Updated: September 2023