



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of the *Educator of the Year Award* is to recognize an employee from a PARSS member district who makes a positive and continuous impact on public education in their rural school 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 one individual per year. 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 no later than January 1st. The Recognition Committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the PARSS Board of Directors at their February meeting.

RECOGNITION OF THE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

The *Educator of the Year Award* recipient will be recognized at the annual PARSS meeting in April. The individual will receive a certificate of achievement and a monetary award of \$500.00 to support a project in their school district.

Guidelines Established September 2017