



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD GENERAL CRITERIA

Nominees must exemplify the highest standard of professional ethics, sportsmanship, moral character and carry the endorsement of their local high school.

Categories and criteria under the Distinguished Service Award are:

Administrator, Board of Education, Coach, Contributor, Director and Official.

A form is provided via the NDHSAA website (ndhsaa.com) for expediency in understanding the primary areas in which an individual is to be considered, based on his/her achievements in promoting interscholastic activities. The grouping is for screening purposes only and to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required.

To further explain:

School administrators would be considered on the merits of their high school administrative achievements and contributions to interscholastic activities.

Board of education nominees would be considered on the merits of their contributions to interscholastic activities, especially on a state level.

Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements only.

Contributor would be an individual who has made a contribution to interscholastic activities in some other capacity other than those previously mentioned (may include such areas as sports medicine, media, or reporting other school activities).

Directors would be considered for their contributions to the interscholastic activities on a state wide basis including their school.

Officials would be considered on a state wide basis of their service as a high school official, adjudicator judge on a state wide basis of their service as a high school official, adjudicator, judge, etc.

All candidates will be judged primarily on their significant and/or long term contributions to interscholastic activities. While many have served their local programs over a long and distinguished career, longevity without meaningful state impact does not constitute appropriate credentials for Distinguished Service Award consideration. **Their accomplishments must have been worthy of state recognition for them to be considered.**

An appointed selections committee will review the nominations with a final list submitted to the entire Board of Directors.

Nominees approved as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will receive recognition at an appropriate NDHSAA sponsored event during the school year. Other nominees will be categorized into "inactive" and "holding" status. "Inactive" nominees will require additional information and supportive materials before receiving future consideration for the Distinguished Service Award. Those candidates in the "holding" category may merit future consideration based on the evaluation of the Selection Committee and the final evaluation of the Board of Directors.