



## ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS ALL-STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must have served on an AASB member school board within the past 12 months.
- Nominees must be in at least the final year of their first term; in the case of members serving six-year terms; nominees must have served at least 75 percent of the term.
- Nominees must have participated in AASB's School Board Member Academy.
- Current AASB officers and directors are not eligible.
- Nominations may be submitted by a majority vote of an AASB member school board. Or, individual AASB school board members may nominate any AASB school board member with an endorsement by a majority vote of the nominee's local school board.
- Only one individual from a board may be nominated for the honor per year.
- Nominees must not have received this award previously.

### CRITERIA

Nominating material should emphasize events within the past 12 months and include significant contributions within the last five years. Nominees will be judged on:

- A demonstrated commitment to AASB School Board Member Academy training activities.
- A history of compliance with the training requirements of the School Board Governance Improvement Act of 2012.
- Participation in local, AASB, state and national education activities.
- Proven activism in legislative and/or local issues advocating for K-12 public school children, such as participation in an AASB Advocacy Day and/or the AASB poverty simulation.
- Leadership in local education and related activities (i.e., efforts in a property tax referendum, school consolidation, policy review, etc.).
- Support for the board's policies and practices.
- Participation in community activities and/or contributions to greater public understanding and support for local schools.
- Commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards for school board members as embodied in the National School Boards Association Code of Ethics.
- Relationship with the superintendent, fellow board members and staff.
- Rapport with local officials/leaders.

### SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations must be received **no later than September 1, 2021** and submitted on an official nomination form (copies are acceptable).
- Nominations will be judged by an anonymous panel of former school board members.
- No more than five members annually will be named All-State School Board Members.
- Winners will be recognized at AASB's Annual Convention and through other appropriate methods as determined by the AASB Board of Directors.

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# Tips for a Winning Nomination

- Remember the panel of judges likely will not know your nominee. Explain the significance or impact of each activity where possible. For example, don't just say the nominee lobbied the legislature frequently. Explain what the nominee lobbied for and how his/her activities benefited the school board and/or school system.
- Be specific.
- A “glitzy” presentation is not necessary. Instead, give a complete description of the nominee's activities. For example, don't just say the nominee achieved Level 4 in the School Board Member Academy. Relate how what he/she has learned has helped your school system.
- Make sure your nomination is received **on or before the deadline**.