

For information and applications for NASSP recognition, award, or scholarship programs, contact us at [recognition@nassp.org](mailto:recognition@nassp.org).

### NASSP MISSION AND HISTORY

The mission of NASSP is to promote excellence in school leadership through research-based professional development, resources, and advocacy so that every student can be prepared for postsecondary learning opportunities and be workforce ready.

In existence since 1916, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the preeminent organization of and national voice for principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world.

NASSP also promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character and leadership development, and physical well-being of youth. NASSP is proud to have founded and to administer the following student leadership programs:

- National Honor Society™ and National Junior Honor Society®
- National Association of Student Councils™
- National Elementary Honor Society®




## Awards and Scholarships



As part of its vision for leading schools, NASSP, with financial support from a number of partners, annually recognizes principals, assistant principals, schools, students, and advisers from across the country for their leadership and for making positive, significant differences in our schools and communities.

### FOR SCHOOLS

 The MetLife Foundation-NASSP Breakthrough Schools project identifies, showcases, and recognizes middle level and high schools that are high achieving or dramatically improving student achievement and serve large numbers of students living in poverty. For more information, visit [www.nassp.org/breakthrough](http://www.nassp.org/breakthrough).

### FOR ADMINISTRATORS

The MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year program annually honors secondary school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession. Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity select one middle level and one high school principal to represent their state. From these state winners, six finalists are named as contenders for the National Principal of the Year award. Each MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year (one middle level and one high school) is selected from among the finalists and receives a \$5,000 grant. The four finalists each receive a \$1,500 grant. Visit [www.nassp.org/poy](http://www.nassp.org/poy) to nominate or apply.



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Equipment for Educators

The NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle level and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership, curriculum, and personalization. Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity select one assistant principal to represent their state. From these state winners, three finalists are named as contenders for the National Assistant Principal of the Year award. The NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year is selected from among the finalists, and receives a \$5,000 grant. The two finalists each receive a \$1,500 grant. Visit [www.nassp.org/apoy](http://www.nassp.org/apoy) to nominate or apply.

The Gruhn-Long-Melton Award is given to recognize distinguished service and leadership in improving middle level education. The award was named in honor of William T. Gruhn, Forrest E. Long, and George E. Melton—all of whom made significant contributions to the field of middle level education. Criteria for the award are service to and leadership in the field of middle level education, a dedication to young adolescents, and an active involvement in the middle level field for a decade or longer. It is not an annual award but is given only when there is a worthy candidate. Current members of NASSP may nominate candidates for the award with applications due in November. More information on the history of the award, qualifications, and an application form can be found at [www.nassp.org/glmaward](http://www.nassp.org/glmaward).

### DISSERTATION AWARDS

The NASSP Dr. Ted Sizer Dissertation Awards seek to recognize leadership research at the middle and high school levels. Competitions are open to doctoral students who have completed and successfully defended their dissertation between July 1 and June 30. Candidates must submit a completed application and dissertation abstract in January. Each winner receives a complimentary one-year membership, a cash award, and the opportunity to have their research finding published. Applications are available at [www.nassp.org/dissertation](http://www.nassp.org/dissertation) after July 1.

## STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The NASSP/Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award is used by principals to recognize one outstanding student leader from the senior class. All school nominees receive a certificate of merit. At the national level, school winners compete for 100 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000. Each fall, nomination instructions are made available to principals in all schools containing grade 12. For details, visit [www.nassp.org/pla](http://www.nassp.org/pla).



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Students apply each September through their school or an officially designated local organization.

Local Honorees receive a Certificate of Achievement. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit, charitable organization of their choice. For more information, visit [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit).

### The President's Education Awards Program

sponsored by the U. S. Department of Education and in partnership with NASSP and NAESP, was developed to help principals recognize and honor those students who have achieved high academic goals by their hard work and dedication to learning. Students are eligible



for one of two honors: the President's Award for Educational Excellence or the President's Award for Educational Achievement. There is no limit on the number of awards that your school can order, as long as the students meet the criteria. [www.nassp.org/peap](http://www.nassp.org/peap)



The American Citizenship Award is proudly presented by NASSP and NAESP. The award honors any student in elementary, middle, or high school who has shown by their words and

actions that they possess the qualities and characteristics we hope to instill in all our students. Honoring model students with this award will inspire and encourage other students to strive to be better citizens.

[www.nassp.org/aca](http://www.nassp.org/aca)

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages and backgrounds who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The Award, issued on behalf of the White House, honors individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period or throughout their lifetime. [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov)

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS (NASC)

### FOR STUDENTS

NASC Student Leaders program challenges student leaders to extend their leadership skills and activities. Upon completion of the program, those students who demonstrate superior student council leadership skills and knowledge based on NASC criteria and evaluation procedures earn national recognition as NASC-certified student leaders. [www.nasc.us/studentleaders](http://www.nasc.us/studentleaders)



### FOR ADVISERS

Warren E. Shull Award honors Warren E. Shull the founder of the National Association of Student Councils. The Shull Awards recognize high school and middle level student council advisers of exemplary character, leadership, and commitment to young people and their development as student leaders.



Introduction of the Regional winners and announcement of the two National winners takes place at the national conference in June. Plaques are presented to each of the Regional and National Advisers of the Year. Each national winner receives a \$500 award. Nomination forms are available on the NASC Web site at [www.nasc.us/shull](http://www.nasc.us/shull).

### FOR SCHOOLS

The NASC National Councils of Excellence Award provides national recognition for middle and high school student councils that consistently provide quality leadership activities and service to their schools and communities, and introduce young students to leadership roles. Annual postmark deadline for applications is in February. [www.nasc.us/ncoe](http://www.nasc.us/ncoe)

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS) AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)

### FOR STUDENTS

National Honor Society Scholarships are available to senior chapter members of affiliated National Honor Society chapters who demonstrate outstanding character, scholarship, service, and leadership. Chapters may nominate two to five seniors from their chapters based on graduating class size. A total of \$200,000 in scholarships is awarded in the following categories: state winners at \$1,000; state finalists at \$500; nine regional winners at \$1,500; and one national winner at \$10,000. Visit [www.nhs.us/scholarships](http://www.nhs.us/scholarships) for more information.



### FOR ADVISERS

Rynearson Award honors the memory of Edward Rynearson, principal and founder of the National Honor Society. This award recognizes the National Adviser of the Year for NHS and NJHS. The deadline for submission is in February and winners are announced in May. [www.nhs.us/rynearson](http://www.nhs.us/rynearson)



### FOR SCHOOLS

Outstanding Service Project Awards recognize NHS and NJHS chapters that make significant community service contributions at the local level. Each project is judged based on its goals and organization; service impact; involvement; and the quality and clarity of the written summary. The deadline for submissions is in January and the winners are announced during National Student Leadership Week in April. [www.nhs.us/osp](http://www.nhs.us/osp)



## STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### Kyker Awards: State Service Project Awards.

The Kyker Awards recognize the outstanding work of state student council and honor society associations each year. The awards are named for Ardis Kyker, retired state director from Minnesota. One award is presented to a state student council association and a second to a state honor society association for completing a successful and outstanding service activity during the year. Deadline for submission is in April. Winners are announced in June at the national conference. Visit [www.nhs.us/kyker](http://www.nhs.us/kyker) or [www.nasc.us/kyker](http://www.nasc.us/kyker) for more information.

