

PEARCE AWARD CRITERIA

The Pearce Award is to be given annually to an outstanding school superintendent in Missouri. The award consists of a \$500 scholarship to a student in the recipients' school district and a \$500 cash award to the recipient.

The recipient must:

- 1) Be a practicing superintendent of a public school in Missouri,
- 2) Have served a minimum of five (5) years, including the current school year, as superintendent of schools in Missouri
- 3) Be in at least their third year as superintendent in their current school district
- 4) Be a member of MASA at the time of nomination.

Each MASA District shall select a nominee for the Distinguished Pearce Award. Each Regional Awards Committee representative must **submit the following by January 14th** to the MASA Office:

- 1) a Pearce Application form completed by the nominee
- 2) a photograph of the nominee

From the list of nominees, based on their applications, the MASA Awards Committee shall select the statewide Distinguished Pearce Award winner. The Chairman of the MASA Awards Committee shall inform the MASA Office of their selection.

The Distinguished Pearce Award winner shall be honored annually at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference. All Pearce award nominees shall likewise be honored by the presentation of plaques at the awards banquet during the MASA Spring Conference.

Nominations for the Pearce Award for the same individual shall be limited to once every three years and shall not be the current Missouri Superintendent of the Year recipient.