

Chapter 11: Awards

Rule 11.1 Administrator. The Mississippi Administrator of the Year Program will recognize outstanding achievement and performance by Mississippi public school administrators. Each local school district has the opportunity to honor its administrators by nominating one for the state title. The procedure used to determine this administrator's nomination is entirely up to the district. Administrators eligible for nomination include elementary and secondary principals, assistant principals, and vocational-technical directors.

The Mississippi Administrator of the Year will be chosen from administrators who exhibit a superior ability to inspire instructors, who possess exemplary leadership capabilities and are active members of the local community. The Administrator of the Year Program is not an attempt to find the "best" administrator in the state. It is a means to honor an individual who is representative of the excellent professionals we have in education in Mississippi. Nominations should be made without regard to race, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or religion.

Official entry forms and instructions will be mailed to each district's central office. The local Administrator of the Year entry form, signed by the local superintendent, will be returned to the Department of Education for judging. Four finalists (one from each Congressional District) will be chosen by a committee appointed by the State Superintendent of Education and an Administrator of the Year will be chosen from the four finalists.

The Mississippi Administrator of the Year will receive a one-time award of \$5,000 and will be formally recognized by the State Board of Education.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Revised 7/2011)*

Rule 11.2 Parent. The State Board of Education, in accordance with Section 37-3-73, of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended, has established an awards program to reward parents for becoming involved in school improvement efforts. A process has been established which will designate a Parent of the Year in every school district in the state, and will designate one Parent of the Year statewide.

Nomination Form

RETURN TO: Parent of the Year Program
Public Relations
State Department of Education
P. O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205

(Please type)

Nominee Name _____

School District _____

County _____

Congressional District

Home Address

Social Security Number _____

Age _____ Marital status _____ Number of children _____

Children's names, ages, occupations (if students, list name of school and grade level)

If married, spouse's name and occupation

Superintendent's Signature _____

Date _____

Nominee's School Improvement Efforts

Describe the **school improvement efforts of the Parent of the Year nominee** in his/her school district. Include awards and other special recognitions received. Describe involvement in service-oriented activities, such as volunteer work, etc. Be **specific** describing projects. (**Maximum length: two double spaced pages**) **Letters of Support** – (limit of **three** letters) please attach to application. Include three letters of support from among the following: superintendent, principal, colleague, PTA president, or civic leader.

Please note:

1. Please submit original and four copies.
2. Please provide all information requested in the application form. Do not change or add to the application in any way.
3. Limit your answers to the number of pages requested. In order to provide all applicants with an equal opportunity, **only the number of pages requested will be accepted**. Any additional pages and/or materials cannot be presented to the Selection Committee.
4. Each application must include **one photograph**. It is not necessary, however, to submit five original pictures. Simply attach one picture to the original application and photocopy the other four. However, if selected Parent of the Year, additional pictures may be requested for publicity purposes.
5. The application package must be submitted

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Revised 6/2012)*

Rule 11.3 Teacher. The Mississippi Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Education, recognizes outstanding achievement and performance by our public school teachers. Each local school district has the opportunity to honor its teachers and nominate one for the state title. The Mississippi Teacher of the Year must be a certified classroom teacher (K-12) in a state-accredited public school that plans to teach the following year. The teacher should have superior ability to inspire students, should possess leadership capabilities, and should be an active member of the community.

Official entry forms and instructions will be mailed to each district's central office. The local Teacher of the Year entry form, signed by the local superintendent, is returned to the Mississippi Department of Education for judging. Four finalists (one from each Congressional District) are chosen by a selection committee. The teacher selected as the Mississippi Teacher of the Year will be the state's nominee for National Teacher of the Year.

The Mississippi Teacher of the Year receives a one-time award of \$5000 from the Mississippi Department of Education.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Revised 7/2011)*