

## **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)*