

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

NAESP Requirements:

The selected principal:

- is an active principal of a school in which a commitment to excellence is clearly evident through programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students, and through firmly established community ties with parents and local business organizations;
- has been an active principal for at least **five** years;
- will be an active principal during the year in which he/she will **receive** the award;
- shows a strong commitment to the principalship through active membership in professional associations;
- is respected by students, colleagues, parents, and the community at large;
- assumes an active role in his/her community, distinguishing himself/herself as a leader in civic, religious, or humanitarian activities;
- shows strong educational leadership by setting high expectations for school staff and students;
- maintains an orderly, purposeful learning environment.

Evidence of outstanding contributions to the well-being of the educational community will include:

- ways in which the principal's leadership has benefited curriculum, staff morale, community support, student interest, and the learning environment;
- ways in which the principal provides creative leadership to inspire teachers and others to achieve and contribute to the school environment;
- examples of service or achievements above and beyond what is expected in the usual school program;
- ways in which others have acknowledged the principal as a force for positive change.

Note: No one who holds the office of State or NAESP President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, NAESP Zone Director, or NAESP State Representative during the officially designated nomination time period is eligible to be nominated for the NDP award.

ESPAW Requirements:

- To be a current member of AWSP/ESPAW/NAESP.
- To be a practicing principal within the state of Washington the year one receives the award (i.e., the following school year).