

Do you know an outstanding elementary principal?

The Maine Principals' Association,
in cooperation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals
invites you to nominate an outstanding elementary level principal for consideration as
Maine's 2017 National Distinguished Principal.

The successful candidate will represent Maine at the 2017 National Distinguished Principals' Program
that will be held in the fall of 2017 in Washington D.C.

The Maine Principals' Association will honor our state's
2017 National Distinguished Principal at an awards banquet during the annual
MPA Spring Conference at the Samoset, April 27-28, 2017.

**For more information and/or to nominate someone, please fill out the nomination form
below and e-mail to Tammy McNear (tmcnear@mpa.cc) or Fax it to the MPA at 622-0217.**

You are invited to nominate an elementary principal who

- is a member of NAESP and the MPA;
- has been an active principal for at least five years; and
- will be an active principal during the year in which he/she will receive the award.

The MPA will send the nominated principal an application package that
**must be completed and received by the close of business on Friday, December 16, 2016
at the Maine Principals' Association, 50 Industrial Drive, Augusta, ME 04330.**

A Selection Committee, composed of past Maine National Distinguished Principals,
will screen the applications according to the following criteria established by NAESP.

The principal must demonstrate evidence of outstanding contributions to the community and
to the education profession and should lead a school that:

- Is clearly committed to excellence;
- Has programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students; and
- Has firm ties to parents and the community.

The Selection Committee will visit the schools of the finalists and will then
nominate Maine's National Distinguished Principal.

Past National Distinguished Principals

2016 Roger "Ron" Robert, North Berwick Elementary
School

2015 Tracy Williams, W.G. Mallett School, Farmington

2014 Melanie Ellsworth, Gray (Agnes) School, West
Paris, and Hebron Station School

2013 Lori Smail, Farrington Elementary School, Augusta

2012 Kathryn Hersom, Saccarappa School, West-
brook

2011 Carol Hathorne, Hope Elementary School

2010 Dianne Helprin, Pemetec Elementary School,
Southwest Harbor



NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPALS PROGRAM

A Program to Recognize Excellence in School Leadership

2017 NOMINATION APPLICATION

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's School _____ Grade Configuration _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

School Type _____ Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural _____ School Enrollment _____

Total Number of Years as a Principal _____

Nominator's Name/Address/Phone/E-mail _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Please read requirements for official application carefully:

Award Criteria

The nominee:

- is a member of NAESP at the time of the award;
- is an active principal of a school in which a commitment to excellence is clearly evident;
- has been an active principal for at least five years;
- will remain in active service in a position of school leadership during the school year in which he/she will serve as NDP;
- 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; and
- maintains an orderly, purposeful learning environment.

If you are interested in applying or in nominating a candidate for the National Distinguished Principals award, please complete this form along with an attached letter (not to exceed two pages) identifying the strengths and skills that you feel make the candidate eligible for this award. **Please check with your state principal's affiliate or sponsoring organization to determine deadlines for submission or any additional state requirements.**

Successful candidates will be required to complete the formal application form upon notification from their state or sponsoring organization's selection committee.

Nominator's Signature

Date

Supervisor or Employer's Signature

Date

Return completed Nomination Application to your state principals' organization or your sponsoring organization. Your state affiliate principals organization's address can be found at www.naesp.org.