



Ronald L. Smith Career Achievement Award

The **NYSSCA Ronald L. Smith Career Achievement Award** recognizes an elementary, middle/junior high, secondary, or multilevel (P-12) school counselor, director/supervisor of school counseling, or counselor educator for outstanding service, achievement, and dedication to the counseling profession. Nominations can be made by the nominee or a colleague of the nominee. The award will be presented at the NYSSCA Annual Conference.

To be eligible, the nominee must:

- (1) be a current member of NYSSCA;
- (2) be currently employed or a recent retiree as a full-time school counselor, director/supervisor of counseling, or counselor educator;
- (3) have completed a minimum of 20 years of counseling service (may be a combination of elementary, middle/junior high, secondary, multilevel (P-12) school counselor, director/supervisor of counseling, or counselor educator);
- (4) hold a minimum of a master's degree or equivalent in school counseling, and;
- (5) be certified as a counselor in New York State.

Recognition Criteria include activities and accomplishments that have taken place over the span of the nominee's career including:

- (1) The nominee maintains the highest standards of professional conduct and recognizes that his or her personal conduct is held up to public scrutiny. The nominee strives to be a model citizen of the local, school and broader professional communities. The nominee maintains strong ethical standards in his or her personal and professional conduct.
- (2) The nominee demonstrates awareness and knowledge of the New York State K-12 School Counseling Regulations and has been responsible for school counseling innovations or development of programs aligning with these regulations and the ASCA National Model to support the career, personal/social and academic development of all students.
- (3) The nominee demonstrates leadership, advocacy and collaboration in his/her work promoting equity and access to rigorous educational opportunities for all students to maximize student achievement.
- (4) The nominee demonstrates strong collaboration with stakeholders.

Deadline for submissions is October 5, 2021.

All nominations must completed online at: <https://form.jotform.com/211203337369956>