

NJPSA Visionary Leadership Awards

Visionary Principal of the Year (elementary, middle, or secondary)

\$10,000 award to winner's school

\$2,500 personal award to winner

Award open to Principals at the
Elementary, Middle, and High School
Levels.

Visionary Vice/Assistant Principal of the Year (elementary, middle, or secondary)

\$10,000 award to winner's school

\$2,500 personal award to winner

Award open to Vice/Assistant Principals
at the Elementary, Middle, and High
School Levels.

Visionary Supervisor/Director of the Year (elementary, middle, or secondary)

\$10,000 award to winner's school

\$2,500 personal award to winner

Award open to all Supervisors and
Directors.

***For more information about
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Awards, email Stacy Barksdale-
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Visionary Leadership Awards 2026



Excellence Should Be Rewarded... Take Time to Celebrate YOU!

The New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association is proud to announce a call for nominations for the prestigious **Visionary Leadership Awards**.

NJPSA encourages all school leaders to seize this opportunity to recognize your accomplishments and those of your schools.

Visionary Principal of the Year

(elementary, middle, or secondary)

Visionary Vice/Assistant Principal of the Year

(elementary, middle, or secondary)

Visionary Supervisor/Director of the Year

(elementary, middle, or secondary)

Stand Up and Be Recognized!

The 2026 awards season begins now and culminates with an awards presentation in Fall 2026 with each recipient receiving \$10,000 for his/her school, as well as a \$2,500 personal award.

The awards process will help the selection committee identify the best among the best and ensure that the excellence of New Jersey's educational leaders is properly celebrated.

Awards Process

- The application for the NJPSA Visionary Awards, available online at www.njpsa.org/awards, must include the following items:
 - The nominee's current resume;
 - Two letters of recommendation: **one from the current district superintendent**, and one from a principal (if the nominee is an assistant/vice principal or supervisor) or a teacher, a parent, or a student;
 - A 1-2 page, personal essay **written by the nominee** describing one of his/her visionary and transformational achievements that improved the quality of education in his/her school or district.
- To select finalists in each category, the NJPSA Awards Committee will review applications and consider the nominee's leadership in the following areas:
 - Focusing on curricula and improving student learning
 - Fostering positive school/district climate and culture
 - Empowering and promoting potential in others (staff, students, parents, etc.)
 - Extending leadership through affiliations with professional organizations
 - Describing/confirming his/her own "Visionary Leadership" in the personal essay.
- Once selected, the finalists will be contacted by the awards committee chair to schedule a site visit.
- NJPSA Visionary Leadership Award Winners will be announced in Spring 2026 and will be recognized at the 2026 NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference.

Eligibility Requirements

- All nominees must have completed at least four years of experience in the administrative position for which they are being recognized. In addition, they must remain in an administrative position during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Only Premier Active NJPSA members may be nominated.
- When appropriate, individuals selected as Visionary Principal of the Year and Visionary Vice/Assistant Principal of the Year will become the New Jersey nominees for the corresponding NAESP/NASSP national awards.
 - **NASSP National Awards:** applicants must be a member of NASSP at the time of application submission.
 - **NAESP National Awards:** applicants must be a member of NAESP for at least one year at the time of nomination and maintain membership through the conclusion of the NAESP NDP Award Ceremony.

Award Application Deadline

Individuals must submit their nomination materials to NJPSA no later than October 31, 2025. The online application and awards selection criteria and rubric can be found at www.njpsa.org/awards.