

School Social Workers of Missouri

School Social Worker of the Year Nomination & Selection Criteria

The SSWAM School Social Worker of the year is a SSWAM member who best exemplifies the values, goals, and contribution of our profession through that SSW's specific accomplishment.

Criteria for selection:

1. Demonstrate outstanding contributions in her/his service to students and families
2. Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession
3. Show initiative in providing SSW service
4. Be an SSWAM member in good standing

Nomination Procedures:

SSWAM members or school staff may nominate a candidate by submitting one (1) copy of the following:

1. Missouri School Social Worker of the Year Official Nomination form. Forms will be mailed to members with the criteria and procedures and are also available by contacting SSWAM Leadership,
2. **One-page** summary of demonstrated contributions listing *each* of these accomplishments as they apply to school social work practice:
 - Describe specifics of nominee's achievement as it relates to the field of school social work.
 - What are the personal and professional attributes that uniquely characterize the social work career of the nominee?
 - How has the nominee's work improved the delivery of school social work services and its impact on the quality of services and contributions to the public image of school social work?
 - How has this been evidenced in linkages of home, education, and community?
3. Curriculum vita
4. Three (3) letters of support

Complete nominations packet should include no more than ten (10) pages of relevant documentation and data.

To ensure the candidate's eligibility, please adhere to the nomination guidelines. Use clear, concise, descriptive examples of activities and accomplishments. The nomination packet must include the nomination form, summary sheet, vita, and support letters. **The nomination packet must be received in the office by deadline indicated on the Nomination form.** The SSWAM Leadership Team selects the award winner. **The awardee, nominator, and school district administration are notified.** The award will be presented at the annual SSWAM Spring meeting located closest to the award winner's home region.