

School Counselor of the Year Awards 2019–2020

**National School Counseling Week
February 3–7, 2020**

The School Counselor of the Year Awards program honors the best of the best—one counselor from every level (elementary, middle, and high school).

Counselors may be nominated by school administrators, staff members, students, and parents/guardians. The nominator must write a letter of nomination (two page maximum) and use each of the six criteria listed below. Nomination letters should be submitted to the principal.

Nominations must be made by Friday, February 14, 2020.

About National School Counseling Week:

National School Counseling Week 2020, "School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans," will be celebrated from Feb. 3-7, 2020, to focus public attention on the unique contribution professional school counselors make in helping students achieve academic and social emotional success, plan for a career, and become ready for college.

National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February as stated on the ASCA website.

[https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/about-asca-\(1\)/national-school-counseling-week](https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/about-asca-(1)/national-school-counseling-week)



Criteria for Nomination
Nominees must be counselors who—

- Understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents, and foster their self-esteem through a comprehensive counseling program;
 - Demonstrate outstanding leadership;
 - Foster collaborative relationships with colleagues, students and their families, and the community to promote student achievement;
 - Instill in students a desire to learn and achieve while advocating for equity;
 - Utilize data to evaluate program effectiveness and school counseling programming needs; and
 - Use technology to enhance student learning.
- "The joy and smile of even one child is worth more than the prancing intellects of a thousand men, for we are, that we might have joy, and be free."
— Bryant McGill, Voice of Reason*

Please see the full "Nominee Criteria and Application for the School Counselor of the Year Awards Program" for more details, eligibility, and requirements.

This can be found on the MCPS School Counseling Services website:

[https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-services/mentalhealth/counseling.aspx?id=335893](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-services/mental-health/counseling.aspx?id=335893)

Deadline for Submission of Nomination Packet Friday, March 27, 2020

Please submit completed packets via email by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020 to:

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