



Middle School Advisor of the Year Award 2026-2027

At the school, regional, and state levels, student council advisors work tirelessly to support and strengthen student leadership programs. Every advisor plays an essential role in the success of student council organizations.

The **MASC Middle School Advisor of the Year Award** was established to recognize the outstanding contributions of middle school advisors who promote student involvement and leadership development at all levels—school, regional, and state—thereby ensuring the continued success of student councils across Maryland. These dedicated advisors play a vital role in inspiring younger students to become active participants in MASC early in their leadership journeys.

While this award honors one individual each year, its broader purpose is to celebrate and highlight the invaluable work of all middle school student council advisors across the state.

The Middle School Advisor of the Year Recipients

2002-03	Andrea Goncher - Redland MS, Montgomery County
2003-04	Deborah Dennie - Esperanza MS, St. Mary's County
2004-05	Terri Mullikin - Rock Hall MS, Queen Anne's County
2005-06	Tair Swepston - Severn River MS, Anne Arundel County
2006-07	Kevin Smith - John T. Baker MS, Montgomery County
2007-08	Joanne Olsen - Mattawoman MS, Charles County
2008-09	Tony Miceli - Burleigh Manor MS, Howard County
2009-10	Mark Brashears, Charles County Association of Student Councils
2010-11	Tamara Brown - Hereford MS, Baltimore County
2012-13	Delfone Prince - Theodore G. Davis MS, Charles County
2013-14	No Nominees
2014-15	Danielle Carpenter, Benjamin Stoddert MS, Charles County
2015-16	April Thompson, Milton M. Sommers MS, Charles County
2016-17	Angela Knapp, Thurmont Middle School, Frederick County
2017-18	Athena Lewis, Northern Middle School, Calvert County
2018-19	Holly Darby, Matthew Henson Middle School, Charles County
2019-20	Desira Kelly, Plum Point Middle School, Calvert County
2020-21	No Nominees
2021-22	Angela Cox, Southern Middle School, Calvert County
2022-23	No Nominees
2023-24	No Nominees
2024-25	Ms. Janet Moore, Kingsview MS, Montgomery County
2025-26	No Nominees

Nomination Process:

1. Each region is eligible to nominate one advisor. Nominees must be from MASC member schools or be regional advisors. Previous winners of the award will not be considered.
2. Each region, through its own selection process, selects one advisor to nominate at the state level. **Member schools wishing to nominate their advisor must contact their regional president or regional advisor to be considered in the regional selection process.**
3. The selection committee will select a candidate to nominate to the state. Regional nominations **must be completed online by 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2027.** This includes uploading all of the required signed documents.
4. The MASC Awards selection committee shall consist of one regional president, one regional advisor, the student member on the State Board of Education, the MASC elected officers, and a MASC Executive Director. Substitutions will be made in cases of nominees from a committee member's region.
5. The selection committee will evaluate nominees in terms of their support of the mission of MASC and the contribution of student activities to the overall school climate and school success.
6. The recipient will not be informed until the announcement at the Awards Program during MASC Convention on Friday, April 14-16, 2027. Others connected/related to the recipient will be confidentially informed so they may make arrangements to be present at the Awards Program.

ON-LINE APPLICATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/J6KJ3dLM8rZKvKpD6>

Nominations must be completed on-line by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2027 This includes uploading all of the required signed documents.

Remember, the nomination process MUST go through the region, so be sure to submit your application to the regional president or advisor in enough time to allow the regional selection process to occur. Advisors must be from a MASC member school.

Schools that do not have a county-level structure may submit directly to MASC.

The following page contains the information that you will need to complete the online application. Please remember that all information will be completed online, uploading the required, signed documents to the Google Form.

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This information is for “pre-planning” purposes. The application and supporting, signed documents must be submitted on-line.

Nominee Information:

- Name of Nominee
- School* (**must be a current MASC member school*)
- Region
- School Address
- Principal’s Name
- Principal’s Email
- National Student Council member school? (*Advisors from NSC schools are eligible to be the nominee for the Middle School Maryland National Advisor of the Year Recognition*)

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APPLICATION ONLY.
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planning purposes
only.**

Nominator Information:

- Name of Nominator (can be an activity advisor, principal, or student leader)
- Title of Nominator
- Email of Nominator

Documentation to be uploaded:

1. Written, signed recommendations are *required* from the following individuals (3 total)
 - a. The nominator (can be an activity advisor in the school or another student leader)
 - b. Regional President (in the case that the nominator is the regional president, another regional elected officer should provide a recommendation)
 - c. Regional Advisor
2. Photo of the nominee. The scanned photo should be scanned at 300 dpi into .jpg or .tiff format. Do not use photos downloaded from social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) as their quality for re-use is poor.

Recommendations should address the following:

- 1.) How the nominee supports the mission of MASC*
- 2.) The involvement of the nominee in student activities (including school, regional, and state activities)
- 3.) What leadership qualities are displayed that enable the nominee to be an effective advisor
- 4.) How the nominee contributes to the student council, school climate, and overall school success

****The MASC mission statement reads as follows:***

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and to promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.

Note: Documents other than recommendations will not be considered.

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