**MASP Spring 2017**

 **Awards and Scholarships**

The Awards and Scholarships Committee is currently recruiting nominations for the following awards to be presented at the MASP Spring Collaborative Conference on March 2 in Osage Beach, Missouri:

* School Psychology Intern of the Year Scholarship
* School Psychologist of the Year Award
* School Psychological Examiner of the Year Award
* Lifetime Achievement Award
* MASP Friend of Children Award

Each spring, MASP honors deserving members and colleagues for their hard work and dedication to the field. Last fall two student scholarships were awarded to worthy candidates in Missouri’s School Psychology programs. The purpose of these scholarships is to encourage students to complete school psychology programs and support employment of School Psychologists in Missouri public schools. Additionally, MASP hopes to increase student involvement and membership. The award money may be used for living expenses, research, conference attendance costs, or any other needs related to academic preparation as a School Psychologist. At the spring conference to be held in Lake Ozark on March 2, **another scholarship** will be awarded to a student at the **intern level**. Applicants for this final scholarship must be School Psychology Interns practicing in the public schools in Missouri, regardless of the location of previous training.

In addition to offering $250.00 scholarships for school psychology students in the State of Missouri each year, MASP would also like to recognize a **School Psychologist and a School Psychological Examiner of the Year**. Please consider nominating a colleague for one of these awards to be presented at the Spring Conference along with the internship scholarship. Any school psychologist or school psychological examiner who is a member of MASP is eligible for nomination. The School Psychologist of the Year will also be recommended as Missouri’s candidate for NASP’s School Psychologist of the Year!

Finally, you are also encouraged to submit nominations for the **Lifetime Achievement Award** and **Friend of Children Award** (formerly known as the Friend of MASP Award). Consider honoring deserving educational professionals for their significant contributions to the field of school psychology and mental health services for children. The purpose of the Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize practicing or retired school psychologists or school psychological examiners who have contributed significantly to the learning of children across their careers and who have dedicated their professional lives to the advancement of MASP’s goals. The Friend of Children Award honors individuals or groups outside the School Psychology profession within Missouri who have initiated political action or advocacy on behalf of children to improve education and mental health services for children, youth, and families by supporting the work of our Association. We encourage each of our members to consider honoring a colleague in this way.

**Requirements for Friend of Children Award**

* Nomination form
* Three (3) letters of recommendation
* A one-page description justifying nomination, with a clear link to political action or advocacy on behalf of students and support of the MASP mission and its goals.

**The deadline for all nominations is** **Friday, February 17, 2017**. **Please consider recognizing a deserving colleague for dedication to our field by attaching your nomination and letters of support to an e-mail and submitting to Lindsay Oram, Awards Chair, at loram@mail.ncmissouri.edu.**

**Friend of Children**

**Nomination Form**

The following person/group is nominated for the Friend of Children award. Please use the exact name and degree(s) as they should appear on the award.

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Will the above-nominated person or group be able to attend the MASP Spring Conference? Yes No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_