



**Virginia School Counselor Association**

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**Professional  
Recognition Awards  
2009 - 2010**

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## Virginia School Counselor Association

Dear Chapter Presidents and VSCA Members:

We are pleased to announce the **VSCA Call for Award Nominations** for the 2009-2010 school year. Last year, we received several **OUTSTANDING** nominations, and we are looking forward to receiving even more this year. While all counselors make significant contributions, please don't let your region/division miss out on an opportunity to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the lives of children and families, schools, communities, and to the school counseling profession.

This packet includes all of the information you will need for the nomination process, including:

- ❖ A Listing of Award Categories
- ❖ Eligibility for Consideration
- ❖ Criteria for Recognition
- ❖ Nomination Procedures
- ❖ Postmark Deadline
- ❖ Mailing Information
- ❖ Nomination Form

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Renee Orlosky can be reached via email at [rorlo@cox.net](mailto:rorlo@cox.net)

We look forward to receiving your nomination packet!!!

Sincerely,  
Renee Orlosky  
VSCA Professional Recognition Chairs

## 2009 – 2010 AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION

It's that time of year again for members to select colleagues who have displayed excellence in the field of school counseling. This is an exciting opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the lives of children, families, schools, communities, and to the school counseling profession.

At the conference, March 17-19, 2010, VSCA will honor one person who has excelled in each of the following areas:

### Award Categories

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR  
SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR  
SCHOOL COUNSELING SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR  
COUNSELOR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

### Eligibility and Criteria Information

#### Elementary, Middle, and Secondary School Counselor of the Year Awards

##### *Eligibility for consideration:*

1. The nominee must be a member of the Virginia School Counselor Association.
2. The nominee must be nominated by his/her local VCA chapter OR a VSCA member.
3. The nominee must be currently employed as a full-time professional school counselor and have completed three consecutive years of counseling service at the level of the nomination.
4. The nominee must submit documentation of strong support from students, parents, colleagues, and administrators.

##### *Criteria for recognition:*

1. The nominee should display outstanding performance as a professional school counselor, providing evidence of innovative programs.
2. The nominee should be responsible for creating/sustaining a developmentally appropriate school counseling program, serving as a leader, collaborator, and advocate in the school and community.
3. The nominee should demonstrate leadership through active involvement in professional counseling associations.
4. The nominee should show evidence of the usage of technology and data to create school counseling programs that benefit all groups of students.

## School Counseling Supervisor and Counselor Educator of the Year Award

### *Eligibility for consideration:*

1. The nominee must be a member of the Virginia School Counselor Association.
2. The nominee must be nominated by his/her local VCA chapter OR a VSCA member.
3. Be a coordinator or supervisor of school counseling services or a Counselor Educator in Virginia or
4. Be currently employed full-time in that position and have completed at least 3 years of service
5. Be primarily responsible for working with programs at the elementary, middle, high, or postsecondary level (or as a coordinator of multi-level counseling) or, for the counselor educator award, primarily responsible for working with the school counseling program at her or his college/university

### *Criteria for recognition:*

1. The nominee must have initiated or helped in the initiation of a developmental school counseling program/curriculum, *or*
2. The nominee must have implemented innovative school counseling services, *or*
3. Improved existing school counseling services
4. The nominee must teach, advise, and/or support school counselors-in-training

### **Nomination Procedures**

1. Nominations for the VSCA School Counselor of the Year Award must be submitted by a VSCA member.
2. The nomination packet should contain the following components:
  - a. A completed VSCA nomination form.
  - b. A letter of nomination from the local VCA Chapter Executive board or a VSCA Member, which clearly reflects the reason the individual is being nominated for the award.
  - c. A current resume/vitae from the nominee.
  - d. A rationale for the nomination.
  - e. Supplementary information (this can be in the form of additional letters of support; copies of awards/achievements; pictures; copies of letters/emails from colleagues, students, parents, etc.)
3. Nomination packet/notebook should be organized according to the following guidelines:
  - a) Cover Page (A photo should be included)
  - b) Completed VSCA Nomination Form
  - c) Local VCA Chapter Executive Board or VSCA Member Letter of Recommendation
  - d) Curriculum Vitae or resume of nominee (maximum 2 pages)
  - e) Rational for Nomination (maximum 3 pages)
  - f) Supplementary Information (maximum 14 pages)
  - g) Maximum length of packet is 20 pages, not including nomination form and cover page (pages may included front and back as one page).



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**Professional Recognition Awards Program  
2009-2010 Nomination Form**

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Street, P. O. Box)

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(City, State, Zip Code)

**Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Street, P. O. Box)

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(City, State, Zip Code)

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member of VSCA since (year):** \_\_\_\_\_ **ASCA since (year):** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that ASCA membership is encouraged but not required for VSCA award nomination.)

**Award Category:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School Counselor of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Junior High School Counselor of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary School Counselor of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ School Counseling Supervisor of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Educator of the Year



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Nominated By:

Member or Local Counselor Association \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Statement:

Briefly summarize the services/contributions for which the individual is being nominated. This statement should be elaborated in the letter of nomination and supporting materials.

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Nominee Packet Contents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cover Page (including photo-preferably black and white 2 1/2 x 4 inches)
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed VSCA Nomination Form
\_\_\_\_\_ Local VCA Chapter Executive Board or VSCA Member Letter of Recommendation (Maximum 1 page)
\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Resume (Maximum 2 pages)
\_\_\_\_\_ Rational for Nomination (Maximum 3 pages)
\_\_\_\_\_ Supplementary Information (Maximum 14 pages)

Maximum length of packet: 20 pages, not including Nomination Form and cover.

Completed packets should be postmarked by January 21, 2010

MAIL TO:

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## Evaluation Process

- A committee consisting of division vice-presidents will evaluate the nominations and choose one winner from each category.
- The committee reserves the right not to present an award in any category when, in the opinion of the committee, there is insufficient evidence of outstanding contribution.
- Nominees who do not receive the award in one year are eligible for re-nomination in subsequent years; however, a new Nomination Packet should be submitted.
- The winner from each category will be notified prior to the VSCA Conference.

Each award winner and one guest will be invited to the Awards Dinner free of charge. The winners' names and accomplishments will be announced at this dinner.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Award books will not be returned for any reason prior to the VSCA Award Dinner.

*\*\*\*\*\*Please visit our website, [www.vsca.org](http://www.vsca.org) for additional information \*\*\*\*\**