



NASCOE Legislative Awards Handbook

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Purpose

This program encourages recognition of coalition partners who have shown outstanding support of NASCOE and the NASCOE mission either through physical or financial activities. Nominations for these awards may be made by any regular member in good standing. Coalition partner awards are given at the national level only, however similar state Coalition partner awards are encouraged. The NASCOE Coalition Partner Award will be given at the NASCOE National Convention. The time schedule contained in this booklet must be followed. The NASCOE Legislative Committee will be responsible for administering the NASCOE Coalition Partner Award. Nominations should only be made from personal computers or devices and never from government computers or devices, or while on official government time.

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Purpose

This program recognizes the legislator that shows the greatest support for NASCOE, FSA and its employees. Nominations may be made by any regular member in good standing. The NASCOE Legislator of the Year Awards is given at the national level only, however similar State Legislator of the Year Awards are encouraged. The time schedule contained in this booklet must be followed. The NASCOE legislative Committee will be responsible for administering the NASCOE Legislator of the Year Award. Nominations should only be made from personal computers or devices and never from government computers or devices, or while on official government time.

NASCOE Coalition Partner Award

Who May nominate?

Any regular member of the Association in good standing may make a nomination. State, Area and National Officers, executives, and committee chairs are encouraged to make nominations. The nominators' eligibility shall be verified by the legislative committee through the respective state membership chair.

Who is Eligible?

Any individual, group, or association that has provided physical contributions, financial consideration or any other type of support to help NASCOE in effort to further our purpose and mission within the current partial and previous full NASCOE Officer year (September 1st to August 31st), are eligible to receive a NASCOE Coalition Partner award.

Who is Ineligible?

Any Previous winner. Individuals, groups or associations are eligible to receive only one award for the same effort.

Any NASCOE member or group of NASCOE members. Those nominations shall be submitted through the Service to NASCOE Distinguished Service Award.

No individual, group or association that has in the past or is currently actively working against NASCOE specifically, either legislatively or through other channels, may be awarded the NASCOE Coalition Partner award.

Note: Supporting an idea or legislation that NASCOE is opposed to will not necessarily be considered actively working against NASCOE. An example of working against NASCOE "specifically" could be publishing opinion articles in farm journals specifically opposing FSA or NASCOE's existence. The NASCOE legislative committee will make this judgment.

Nominations Period

Nominations shall be submitted electronically to the NASCOE National Legislative Chairs on the NASCOE Coalition Partner Award nomination form no later than July 1st.

Nominations

Nominations shall be brief, factual and specific. Narratives shall not exceed two (2) double-spaced typewritten pages using reasonable font size. The use of general terms, adjectives, superlatives, and conclusions not backed by facts should be avoided and shall not be considered in the judging process. Specific examples and details should be given to support the nomination.

Selection process

All nominations will be given an up or down vote by all members on the Legislative committee. A simple majority will be necessary approve an award. In the event of a tie, the NASCOE president will cast the tie breaking vote. Multiple Coalition Partner Awards are possible. The selection process shall take place

as soon as possible to allow recipients time to make arrangements to attend the NASCOE National Convention to receive their award if they choose.

Award

NASCOE Coalition Partner Award winners will be announced at the NASCOE Convention. Plaques will be ordered and presented showing the year, city and state of the National Convention where the award was announced. When the recipient is an individual, the wording on the award shall be shortened to "NASCOE Partner Award". If the recipient is unable to attend the national convention, their award will be announced at the convention and arrangements will be made to present the award to the recipient.

National Convention

The National President and National Legislative Chairs shall make arrangements for the presentation ceremonies for the winners. Travel expenses are not authorized for the Coalition Partner Award winners.

NASCOE Legislator of the Year Award

Who May Nominate?

Any regular member of the Association in good standing may make a nomination. State, Area and National Officers, executives, and committee chairs are encouraged to make nominations. The nominators' eligibility shall be verified by the legislative committee through the respective state membership chair.

Who is Eligible?

Any Congressperson or Senator that has shown support of NASCOE in effort to further our purpose and mission within the current partial and previous full NASCOE Officer year (September 1st to August 31st), are eligible to receive a NASCOE Legislator of the Year award.

Who is Ineligible?

Any Previous winner. Legislators are eligible to receive only one award for the same effort. No legislator that has or is currently actively working against NASCOE or FSA specifically, either legislatively or through other channels, may be awarded the NASCOE Coalition Partner award.

Note: Supporting an idea or legislation that NASCOE is opposed to will not necessarily be considered actively working against NASCOE. An example of working against NASCOE "specifically" could be sponsoring or co-sponsoring legislation opposing FSA or NASCOE's existence. The NASCOE legislative committee will make this judgment.

Nominations Period

Nominations shall be submitted electronically to the NASCOE National Legislative Chairs on the NASCOE Legislator of the Year Award nomination form no later than July 1st.

Nominations

Nominations shall be brief, factual and specific. Narratives shall not exceed two (2) double-spaced typewritten pages using reasonable font size. The use of general terms, adjectives, superlatives, and conclusions not backed by facts should be avoided. Specific examples and details should be given to support the nomination.

Selection process

All nominations will be given an up or down vote by all members on the Legislative committee. A simple majority will be necessary approve an award. In the event of a tie, the NASCOE president will cast the tie breaking vote. Multiple Legislator of the Year Awards are not possible in the same year. The selection process shall take place as soon as possible to allow recipients time to make arrangements to attend the NASCOE National Convention to receive their award if they choose. In the event that no nominations are received, the NASCOE Legislative committee shall with the assistance of the legislative consultant, nominate one Legislator to receive the award.

Award

NASCOE Legislator of the Year Award winners will be announced at the NASCOE Convention. Plaques will be ordered and presented showing the year, city and state of the National Convention where the award was announced. If the recipient is unable to attend the national convention, their award will be announced at the convention and arrangements will be made to present the award to the recipient. It is recommended that an official NASCOE press release be drafted and submitted to local and national media sources as deemed appropriate. The state association of the nominee may be tasked with identifying local media in the legislator's district.

National Convention

The National President and National Legislative Chairs shall make arrangements for the presentation ceremonies for the winners.